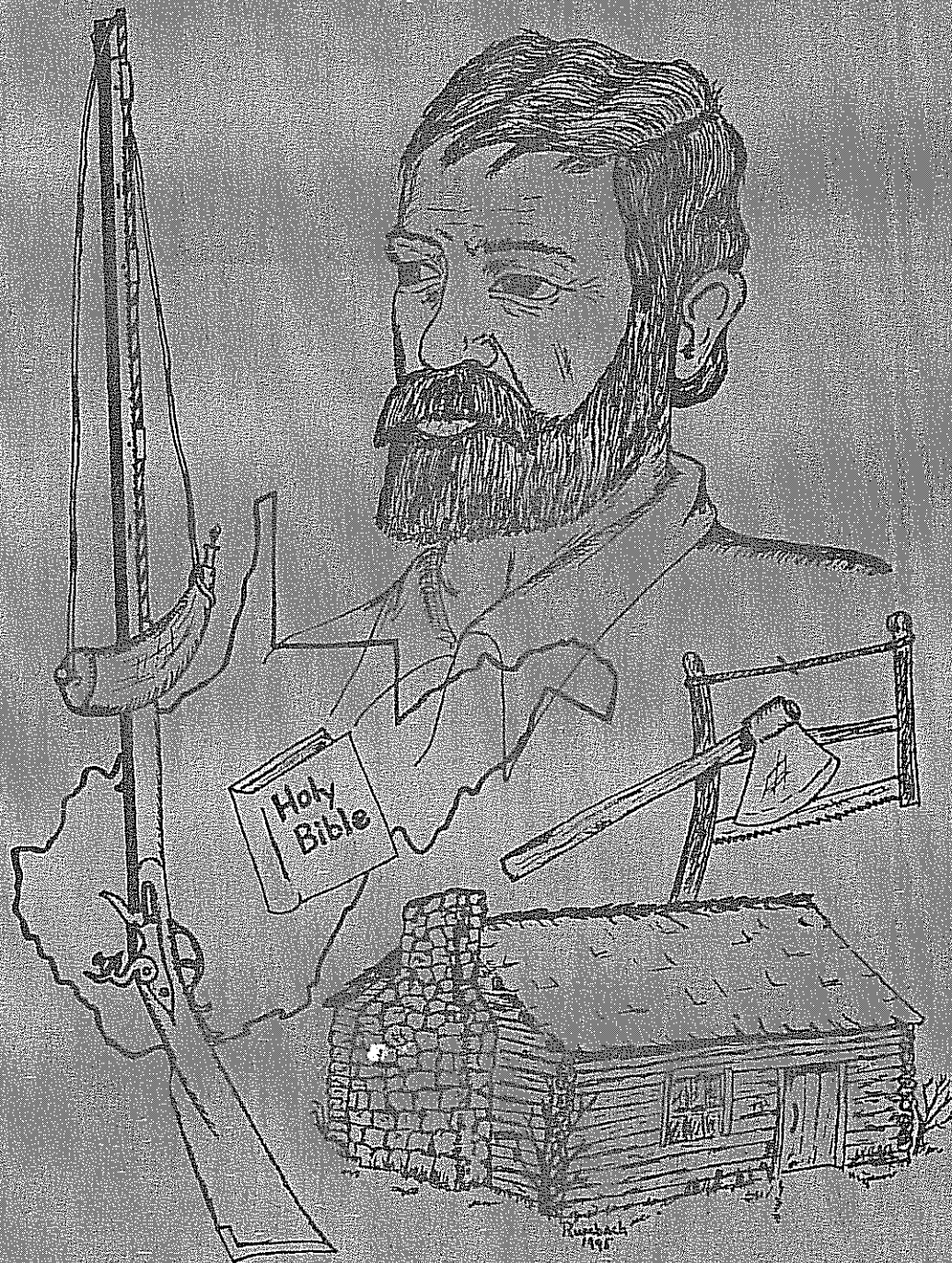


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Dear Cousins and Friends:

Welcome to the 1998-1999 membership year and welcome to those of you who have joined HCPD for the first time and are getting your first Journal. I think you are going to enjoy this issue which was developed by our co-editor, Perry "Buzz" Brake. He has done a fine job in his first "solo" at putting together the Journal. Thanks, Buzz.

Thanks are also in order to those who served HCPD last year as officers and volunteers and to those who will be filling all positions during the New Year.

Life around the library is having its ups and downs this winter.

The "ups" include enough stories to get our new heritage book, **LEWIS COUNTY, HER PEOPLE AND PLACES**, ready for printing. We're hoping to meet the deadlines that permit us to get the book back for August delivery. If you haven't ordered your book yet, now is the time to do so. The price is \$42.50, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling if applicable. West Virginia residents must include 6% (\$2.55) sales tax. Send your check or credit card information to HCPD, PO Box 56, Horner, WV 26372.

Another "up" is the employment of a new janitress and jack-of-all-trades who keeps us clean and does wonderful things like shoveling walks, etc. What makes Molly Lamb even more special is that she loves our old building. During the summer, she voluntarily mows the grass; now, even though we pay her for 6 hours per week, she spends far more time than that as a volunteer.

Still another is the generous offer from professional archivist, historian, and HCPD member Joan Peters to donate a week of her time to meet with a committee of HCPD volunteers to establish and implement an archival policy for our precious collection of books, photos, manuscripts, and electronic materials. Joan and the committee will be meeting during the week of April 19.

The passing of our hard-working volunteer, Mary Lee Smith, on December 31 (watch for tribute in next Journal) and the serious illnesses of a couple of others have been definite "downs." They have also made us very short-staffed. WE NEED ON-SITE VOLUNTEERS. If you live within an hour of the library and can help us out on a regular basis for one, two, three, or four days a month, please call us.

So, you don't live in West Virginia, but you would like to help anyway! There is a way you can do just that! Help us brainstorm! We realize that it sometimes appears

that our hand is always out, that we're always asking for money or selling something. But, with our growing organization and our growing collection and our new-to-us, old building, we have some major financial needs and concerns. We need ideas for ways to raise money for administrative purposes as well as the building fund. We need ideas that won't place any major burden on our members or our already over-extended staff. Perhaps it would be some kind of project that you could handle from wherever you are! Send your ideas to the office, or to Mary Creamer, our v.p., at 529 Madison Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505.

Meanwhile -- here are some ideas that have already been implemented. Robin Lawrentz is designing some notepaper for us and we're developing a line of post cards based on some old photographs in our collection. Ann Des Lauriers is finishing up the cookbook project. And, in *Up the Creek*, you will have read about our **Coca-Cola Classic 600 in Charlotte** raffle. It's not too late to buy your ticket. You can order by check or with a credit card - either by mail or e-mail. Tell your friends about it. This is one of those times when others can help us raise money for HCPD's projects.

Plans are in the making for our Everton Workshop on April 17 and our Third Annual Yard Sale on May 1 [remember your junk is another man's (er, woman's) treasure].

Letters detailing plans for the 17th Annual HCPD Gathering August 12-15 should be mailed to you during March. Now is the time to make your motel reservations and get ready for this special event!

The Weston Democrat

Jan 22, 1887

Death of Nelson BORDEN

The dead body of Nelson BORDEN was found in a clump of bushes near Point Pleasant last Saturday. Three years ago Borden killed John FLETCHER during a quarrel. FLETCHER'S son, Abner, then 12 years old told his mother and others when he was big enough he would kill BORDEN. The fact that he was hunting in the woods when BORDEN was found dead gives color to the belief that he has carried out his threat.

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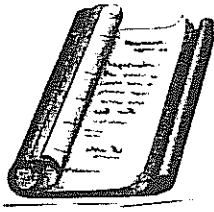
*The Weston Democrat*

*May 14, 1887*

### Death of Dr. White J. BAILEY

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Dr. White J. BAILEY of Jane Lew. He was thrown from a wild horse on Wednesday of last week and received injuries from which he died on Sunday. Drs. KUNST and SIMPSON attended him and did all in their power to relieve him but his injuries were of such a serious character that their efforts as well as the faithful attention of his family failed. The Dr. was a young man with bright prospects and his death will be mourned by many friends.





## Sketches of Old

*A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923. Pages 238-240*

### Thomas Hodges

**THOMAS EDWARD HODGES** was one of those rare men who seem able to translate broad and generous ideals into deeds of practical and useful service. It was not any one achievement that distinguished him, but rather a lifetime of consecutive work and performance of duty. He was a popular figure in the sense that he lived with and worked among the people and exerted a constant influence and helpfulness in whatever relationship he was placed. This quality of his character should be emphasized even beyond the fact that he gained some of the highest offices in his native state.

In his case the facts that constitute the formal material of biography are as follows: he was born on his father's farm near Buckhannon in Upshur County, December 13, 1858, one of the three children of John Henry and Melissa Margaret (**HUMPHREYS**) **HODGES**. The environment in which he lived during his boyhood was not one from which he could have derived any of the talented and permanent influences that moulded his career. It was rather the aspirations and energy within him that reached out and procured peculiar values from normal advantages. He attended district schools, then entered the old French Creek Academy, where he was graduated in 1877, and in the same year entered the West Virginia University where he graduated A. B. in 1881. In 1884 he received the Master of Arts degree from the University. In the meantime, beginning in 1881 and continuing until 1886, he was principal of the Morgantown public schools. Many years later in recognition of his high scholarship and attainments, Waynesburg College bestowed upon him the degree Master of Science in 1909, and Washington and Jefferson College constituted him a LL. D. in 1919. From the public schools of Morgantown he became principal of Marshall College, the State Normal School at Huntington, in 1886, and that institution thrived under his management for ten years. In 1896 he was recalled to West Virginia University as professor of Physics, a chair he held until 1909. In that year, Governor William E. **GLASSCOCK** appointed him a member of the State Board of Control, a new organization to which was assigned the duties of administering state institutions. A year later he resigned to accept the presidency of West Virginia University, though by law he could not enter upon the duties of that office for one year, a time he utilized partly in travel abroad. July 1, 1911, he began his duties as University head and was formally inaugurated November 3d of that year. Some of the reasons he gave that made his choice a very popular one are suggested in the following quotations from the *Charleston Gazette* of that time: "The action of the State Board of Regents in selecting Thomas E. **HODGES** to take the place at the head of the State University to be made vacant by the resignation of President D. P. **PURINTON** was the most ultimate piece of

wisdom that has taken place in the history of the state's educational system. There is no higher man in the state than Tommy HODGES, and there is no man who is so definitely identified with all that is good in the State University. There is not a single student past or present of the university who has ever known Tommy HODGES who is not rejoicing at the choice of the regents. Tommy HODGES is the students' friend. He has the interests of the students at heart." While the West Virginia educator commented on his selection in these words: "He is regarded as one of the few men possessed of all the qualities necessary to make a good university president. He is moreover, particularly well-fitted for the presidency of the head school of West Virginia. Born and bred within her borders, he has imbibed the spirit of growth which has become characteristic of the state in every phase of life and he truly appreciates the magnitude of her possibilities. A man among men, a scholar among scholars, suiting his action to his word, he will be able to meet every demand made upon him by the new career upon which the university has entered. He is wisely progressive and possessed of strong conviction, but he will never bring a revolution of destruction leaving waste and failure in his wake. He will conserve and organize all the resources of the university and direct its energies toward doing the greatest possible service to the state."

All this promise was abundantly fulfilled during the three years he was university head. Then, in 1914, he yielded reluctantly to the persistent demand of his party and resigned to become Democratic nominee for Congressman at Large! He made a splendid campaign but was defeated by Howard SUTHERLAND. In July, 1915, Mr. HODGES accepted the unsought appointment as postmaster of Morgantown and to the duties of that office he devoted the last years of his life.

Dr. HODGES was chairman of the Democratic State Committee in 1908, and in that year was a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, and in 1912 was again urged to accept the nomination for governor, but declined.

Aside from his prominence in educational and political circles Doctor HODGES was a very able banker and financier. In 1896 he assisted in organizing the Morgantown Savings & Loan Society, was its secretary until 1909. This corporation became the largest of its kind in the Upper Monongahela Valley, and its success meant the more to Mr. HODGES because through it he was able to aid many Morgantown people in building their homes. He was one of the organizers in 1906, and from that year president of Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, and treasurer of the Chaplin Collieries Company.

Doctor HODGES graduated at college as a "distinguished cadet" and later for some years was identified with the West Virginia National Guard, serving successively as the major and colonel in the Second Regiment of Infantry and as brigade instructor of Small Arms Practice with the rank of major on the staff of the general commanding the West Virginia Infantry Brigade. He was also at one time commandant of the West Virginia University Cadets. He served on the Board of Eastern Colleges in intercollegiate athletics, was a member of the College Board of the Presbyterian Church, for six years was a trustee of Davis and Elkins College, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of West Virginia Odd Fellows Home. He was a Mason, a Phi Beta Kappa honor man and a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Morgantown

Rotary Club. Doctor HODGES was an impressive speaker and in constant demand as a lecturer before educational meetings throughout West Virginia and neighboring states. He had become a member of the Presbyterian Church at French Creek in 1876, and was one of West Virginia's most prominent laymen in that denomination. For many years he was an elder in his church at Morgantown.

October 5, 1882, Doctor HODGES married Mary Amelia HAYES, daughter of Manliff HAYES, of Morgantown. He is survived by Mrs. HODGES and two children: Grice, wife of Oscar P. GIBBS of Columbus, Ohio; and Charles Edward HODGES.

Thomas Edward HODGES died at Morgantown July 13, 1919, in his sixty-first year. For all the numerous activities that have been briefly reviewed it was the elements of his character that made him one of the great figures in West Virginia life. An editorial tribute in the *New Dominion* read as follows:

"It was the grand old man of education in West Virginia that passed on yesterday when Colonel Thomas Edward HODGES died. No man in Morgantown had more friends or more deserved them, for Colonel HODGES was first of all a friend of Morgantown and of all the good souls in it.

"He was a tireless worker for the advancement of his fellowmen. To do the kindly, friendly thing---that seemed to be his first impulse. Whether in the highest chair of the State University, of which he was a prime factor in its development, or as local postmaster, his foremost thought was to be of service. A companion of great and renowned men, he was still a friend to the friendless, and who can doubt that his very thoughts and his heart of love helped to make the world a happier place to live in. His time, his talents, his dollars were always available and his good cheer was inexhaustible. He was one of the "old timers" of the best sort and lived his square and honorable life according to the best traditions of the Mountain State.

"As an educational figure he won national fame; as a church worker he was the coadjutor of the leaders of his denomination; as a politician he was the trusted adviser of the democratic party of the state. He was the beloved father of a family of whom he was proud and who live to do honor to his name. It can truly be said of Colonel HODGES what cannot be so truly said of many men---that his life was a well rounded success. Men may come and men may go, but there never will be another just like Colonel HODGES. The whole state will lament his going and cherish his memory."

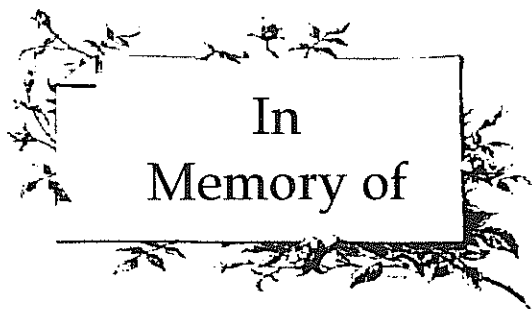
Perhaps a better and closer approximation to the essential elements of his career and character is contained in another editorial tribute, published after his death by the *Morgantown Post*:

"There is not a city, town or village in the state of West Virginia where men and women, some of them past middle age, others just fairly beginning life's active duties, will not pause to recall with kindly affection their associations in one capacity or another with Thomas Edward HODGES, whose splendid earthly career ended Sunday morning. In the larger cities there will be hundreds to whom his death will mean a personal loss, while in the small country village there may be only one or two who were privileged to know him; but without exception their sentiments will be the same. Not

many men so live and act that this remarkable tribute may be justly paid them, but there is none who will question the propriety of its application here. In the field of scholarship, he had earned the title of doctor. In military rank he was a colonel because of military service faithfully performed. In service to his state he was properly referred to as honorable. To thousands whom he had instructed he was professor. In business associations, in military service, as lecturer, publicist, and political leader he numbered thousands among his associates, acquaintances and friends, but those to whom his life and character meant most, and to whom his death will bring sincerest sorrow, are the students who knew him outside of the room as "Tommy" HODGES. And this is because in his big, whole-hearted, sympathetic way, he understood the heart of youth. His faith in young men and young women was boundless, and this they understood---and loved him.

"He achieved in many fields a distinction for which most men strive for but one. His scholastic, civic and religious attainments were extraordinary. His wholesome optimism, his limitless energy, his fondness for clean sport, his sound business judgment and probity, his spiritual understanding, his devotion to his church and family, his high patriotism, his faith in humanity, his unwillingness to believe evil, his staunch friendship, and his devotion to right as he saw it, were all attributes worthy of admiration, but in his genuine affection for the young men and women who came to him for instruction, and his unfailing sympathy with all of their activities and aspirations, his clear understanding of their hearts and his willingness to serve them, not only as their instructor but as their friend and associate, is built his best and most lasting memorial. The state and this community have lost a magnificent type of citizen in the death of Doctor HODGES; the students of former years mourn the death of a friend and comrade."

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## Troy D. McClain

*Tribute by Joy Gilchrist Stalnaker*

Although Troy D. McClain was not a member of HCPD, his daughter Ellie is and has been for many years. Fact is, it was she who volunteered her services by indexing the Journals for several years. Troy loved nothing better than to come to the HCPD gathering each year with his daughter—he loved the children and the children loved him. He was very special to my grandchildren.

Troy D. McClain, 90, of 812 Buckhannon Manor, died at 5:54 a.m. Monday, October 26, 1998, at his home. He was born 13 July 1908 in Lewis County, son of the late Robert McClain and Hattie Bennett McClain. Surviving are three daughters: Gwendolyn Neal, Orangeburg, SC; Shirley Ann Aldridge, Waxhaw, NC, and; Eleanora (Ellie) Maroon, Altamont, IL. Also surviving are one son, Troy D. McClain, Jr., Schertz, TX, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Mackey, Cameron, and Agnes Hyre, Buckhannon. Mr. McClain was a carpenter and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Charleston. He was Methodist.



## NOTES FROM THE ATTIC

### A True Story of My Life

by *W. McWhorter Morris*

The following is from a "little book" found recently by Pam BENNETT of Good Hope, West Virginia. Just where the book has been for so long is unknown...probably forgotten in a dusty attic. This is the first segment of a continuing story.

My grandfather, Samuel **MORRIS**, lineal descendant of Robert **MORRIS**, the financier and member of the First and Second Colonial Congresses, and one of the signers of the declaration of our national independence, moved with his family from the state of New Jersey in the year 1814, and settled on a farm near West Milford in Harrison County, West Virginia, where the family grew up to maturity; the most of them marrying into prominent families of that vicinity, where many of their offspring yet live and possess the farms acquired by their ancestors in the pioneer period. My father Benjamin **MORRIS**, the oldest of three sons, then lads of 10 to 14 years, after reaching the age of 28 years, was married to my mother, who was Mary **McWHORTER**, the oldest daughter of Walter **McWHORTER**, a prominent farmer of near Jane Lew, Lewis County. His father, Henry **McWHORTER**, was born in Orange County, New York, on November 13, 1760, and was a soldier in the Continental Army in the War of the Revolution. One of his sons, Colonel John **McWHORTER**, served in the war of 1812 against the British forces, also in war with Mexico, 1846 to 1848; and two of my brothers, besides myself, and many other relatives, bore a large part in the Civil War.

But as I did not start out to write a Family History, I will abridge this Genealogy to include only my father's immediate family.

My father bought and settled on a farm a little over one mile west of where the town of Lost Creek is now located, where he and my mother raised a large family of seven boys and five girls, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood; and they all married and left the family roots before death overtook any of them.

Their names follow. Sarah Ann born August 29, 1830, married to Abram **GASTON** in 1852; died Oct 23, 1908. John born Nov 10, 1831, married Sarah V **McQUAIN** in 1856; died May 29, 1914. Thomas born April 23, 1832, married to Clara L **LAWSON** in Feb. 1863; served in the Union army in the War of the Rebellion, still living when this was written, January 1918. Eli born Dec 12, 1833, married to Hannah **POWERS** in 1851 died very suddenly Aug 13, 1867. Rebecca V, born Nov 10, 1835, married Robert H. **SPINDLE** in 1854 and died Oct 16, 1877. Fields L., born Nov 20, 1837, married to Catharine **POWERS** in 1864, died Feb. 24, 1912. Granville, born Feb. 7, 1839, married

to Sarah STAATS in 1863, died May 7, 1911. William H born April 4, 1841, married to Olive J GASTON in 1866 died Oct. 8, 1893. Walter M. (the writer) born May 2, 1843, served in the Civil War; engaged in 38 battles and skirmishes; married to Melissa F WILLIAMS Oct. 3, 1865. Margaret Jane born May 27, 1845, married to Wm. H.H. DAVIS who was also a soldier in the Union Army in the war of the Rebellion, in October 1863, died March 22, 1875. Mary Elizabeth born April 9, 1847, married Judson F. RANDOLPH November 1865. Cassie Adaline, born August 27, 1850, married to C.C.F. McWHORTER in 1877.

I will conclude this family tree by saying my parents were both devout Christians of the Methodist faith, and exercised very strict discipline over their children, who were not only trained in the many phases of industrial habits, but in religious habits as well.

*(to be continued)*

## THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

*I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place, and did not leave a will.*

*He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came, to take the U.S. Census.*

*He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.  
And every 20 years or so, the rascal changed his name.*

*His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list  
of passengers to the U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.*

*And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play geneasolitaire, to find him if I can.*

*I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
But weather took engraving, and vandals took the rest.*

*He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.*

*To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES!*

Submitted by S. Edith HILL - Author unknown



## The Character and Life of the First Settlers

This account of the lives of early settlers in northwestern Virginia is extracted from a section (pgs 221 - 225) by the same title in W. H. Cutright's *History of Upshur County, West Virginia*, Clearfield Company, WV, 1907: reprinted 1996, 1998. Note that Cutright's use of the term "native ancestors" in the first paragraph is contrary to our current use of the word "native." Nevertheless, his account is interesting and informative. It may bolster the oft-spoken desires of some members who wish they could have lived in pioneer times, while dissolving any such thoughts for others.

Editorial Staff

Our native ancestors lived very simple lives. They were held together by the bands of mutual protection and mutual helpfulness, and were shiftless and in some instances lazy and vicious. Their greatest aim was to perform the threefold task of building their cabins, clearing the land and planting corn; and the extent of their improvements was gauged largely by the indefinite measure of necessity. Some would not even enter upon strenuous life of husbandry long enough to provide themselves and theirs with bread and meat to sustain them. To these the passion of hunting, rambling, visiting and often times pillaging was stronger than the love of domestic duty, and they yielded willingly to the sinful temptations of gratifying their own inclinations, leaving their helpless and dependent families to shift for themselves.

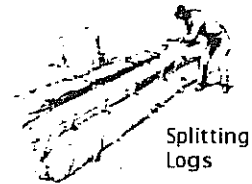
Our forefathers were backwoodsmen in deed and in truth. Their environments, habits, if their parents and birth did not make them so, was fertile soil to generate within their breasts those elements and characteristics that style the true American. They were virile, inured to all kinds of hardships, expectant of any contingency. They were the kernel and seed of the American citizenship of today.

They readily caught on to the ways of their inveterate foe, the savage, who by nature never was a husbandman, and imitated him in every thing that guaranteed them less work, more pleasure and greater protection. The five senses of the frontier settler were as acute and keen as the hostile Indian to whom the wilderness was an open book.

The PRINGLE brothers, John CUTRIGHT, William WHITE and the HUGHES brothers revelled in abundant story of how they excelled the aborigines in detecting and interpreting signs, in watching and in trapping game and in seeing and tracking the unusual visitors to their little plantations. They could tread the dry leaves and dead limbs of the boundless forest as stealthily and silently as the mountain panther, and they excelled him, if need be in cunning and ferocity. Why should it not be thus? The child at a very early age accompanied his father in hunt and in field, learning by observation how to handle a gun, the wiles of the savage and the necessity of quick, rapid action of defense.

The four walls of the pioneer home were made of unhewn poles uniform in size and similar in length. The roof was cut in pieces of bark, usually birch or hickory or clap boards. These were held in position on the rough horizontal rafters by means of tie poles; these tie poles lay on the lower half of the roofing material sections and directly over the rafter. They were kept in place by staves placed between them. Doors were hung on wooden hinges, fastened with a latch string and locked with a timber button; floors and ceilings of puncheon, rived boards and strong bark made ready for habitation the original cabin. As time passed the continuity of life was assured the

rock-based, "cat and clay" chimneys, hewn logs, four-panel windows, obtained in buildings and added to home comfort. There were no outbuildings other than the bush-covered rail pens known as the stable. It was just strong enough to protect animals from harshments of wild beasts. The first painted house was built by



Lorentz, and was a sign of wealth, an object of envy and an ornament of admiration. The furnishings of the house consisted of a cupboard in the corner nearest the fire, a table used for dining and stand purposes and some rough knife-made chairs and bedsteads; this latter article had two end pieces, fastened to the side of the log house and to the front railing, which was attached to legs at either end. Other poles or hickory withes [*withe - a tough, supple twig, esp. a willow twig - Webster*] were used as slats, and upon them was placed the straw and feather ticks, or more often the pallet of furs and skins. The turning lay [*sic - possibly "lathe?"*] came later on and improved very much the ornamental appearance of the household furniture. With its introduction came the use of flax ropes as bedcords.

The culinary apparatus was of the rudest. Many substitutes were forced by necessity and few vessels oftimes served many purposes. The journey cake was baked in cabbage leaves, the sweet pone in large skilletts, as was the wheat bread.

No article of food debated the supremacy of Indian corn as the staple diet, but meat, pumpkins and beans were in continued strife to hold their respective positions. These digestibles were prepared in frying pans, Dutch ovens and large pots by the artful house wife, taken up in pewter basins or wooden trays, and served on flat boards or pewter plates.

No rugs or carpets hid the rough surface of the floor and augmented personal comfort until 1828, when the GOULDS and YOUNGS made in partnership the first bolt of rag carpet, using flax for chain and rags for filling.

The dress of our forefathers was in great part borrowed from the Indian. The fur cap was the man's headgear. It was made grotesque by leaving the tail of the wild animal hang from the crown, making its wearing have a weird, fierce look. Samuel OLIVER made some ill-shaped headgear, but the first real wool hats were made by Abraham CARPER, who came here soon after serving an apprenticeship in Pennsylvania. The main part of the body was covered with the fringed hunting shirt, homespun or buckskin. It was a loose cloak or smock reaching to the knees and held in at the waist by a belt from which hung the tomahawk, bowie knife or other sharp instruments. Many preferred the shorter coat of homespun jeans, called the "wamus." It was tied around the body just below the waistband of the breeches. This was



another absolute article of male attire, made of deerskin or linsey woolsey. The feet were protected by moccasins made of tanned horsehide, cowhide, buffalo or deerskin. They were light, loose, elastic when wet and rasping when dry.

The most intricate machine of the home was the loom, an appliance for the weaving of cloths and carpets. By means of this instrument and the growing of a few sheep and a small acreage of flax, the good housewife was able to manufacture linsey woolsey, a kind of cloth known as the warmest and strongest. Toe was the warp and yarn was the woof of this cloth. Many of our grandmamas were experts in weaving, putting out in one day's full work many yards.



Spinning Yarn

The one other article of great usefulness to the pioneer was the gun; it is a firearm. The first of that class was called flintlock, so named because the user had to touch off the powder with a spark produced by steel coming in violent attack with a flint. The second is known as the percussion lock guns, the powder of which was exploded by a hammer sent forth by a strong spring and striking a small copper cap containing fulminating powder. These weapons were muzzle loaders, very accurate and very long, compared with the present firearms. Sometimes from dampness of cap or weakness of strike, guns failed to fire, and this was great argument against their use at first. Abraham CRITES once having an experience of this kind declared his gun was not worth a d\_\_\_\_. Hunters were adepts (*sic*) in the use of these guns, always boasting and tormenting each other about the excellency and accurateness of their own. It is remarkable that many pioneers could shoot, load, fire and reload those old percussion muzzle loaders with a quickness that would astound the living Nimrod.



Casting Bullets

In the hands of the true backwoodsman the gun subserved two ends. It was a weapon of defense and protection, and it was an instrument of supply and furnishing. Its function in this latter case was facilitated, yea compelled when the scarcity of grain and other provisions was general. The failure of the corn crop drove the pioneer to the expedient of a substitute for bread, and this could be found only in the dense, fertile, boundless forest, which shrowded his home and contained game.

The Pringle brothers saw, met and killed two or three shaggy-maned buffalos who were feeding on the wild sweet peas and other nutritious plants on the fertile lands along which the beaten buffalo path lead. Wild turkeys were also plentiful and furnished the first settlers with many delectable roasts. The lordliest game of all the forest here about was the round-horned deer, whose antlers spread out like producing apple trees, and whose numbers were great. This animal saved many a poor family from starvation, scurvy and disease, and the home was safe when a goodly amount of jerk, deer meat dried in the sun or by the fire, was on hand. The bear abounded where chestnuts, hews and persimmons abounded, and was another standby to the pioneer. Whenever the larder was deficient of hog grease, butter or other shortening or seasoning, the man went forth on the beloved bear ground to kill one of its inhabitants in order that fat and oil for cooking might be had. The pigeons at times filled the woods, and came down on the improvements in such large flocks that their coming was like unto impending clouds; and when they came down on a plantation they spread devastation and desolation in their way.

The black and gray squirrel made inroads on the corn field and had to be repulsed and driven away continuously to save the crop.

Besides these animals might be mentioned the woodchuck, whose habitation was under an old stump in an old field and whose fur was warm and desirous for head covering; the panther or American lion, whose nature was vicious and whose invasions were frequent. Nor must we forget the wolf, whose sheep killing proclivities were only satisfied with a full and complete gratification of their blood-thirsty appetite.

The frontiersmen lived in a stage of independent economy. Everything from bread to sandals was produced or manufactured by members of the household. The grubbing of a few acres for a corn patch was usually done by the man in the open days of winter; and if the approach of spring found little work done on the intended clearing a general invitation was sent to neighbors to come in and make up the backwardness. These gatherings were largest at choppings and rollings. The married and unmarried women were visitors at the home of the maker of these parties on the same day, passing their time in the useful labor of quilting a bed cover or separating dirt from sheep's wool and spinning it into available yarn. That night men and women made merry in dance, song, drink and story; these social exercises both terminated and dominated the separate day gatherings. They were called "frolics," and are known to this day as such. Oftimes a full month in spring was given to attendance on these frolics mutual helpfulness was the motive back of them. He who rolled logs for another would have help in rolling his own logs. During autumn a repetition on a smaller scale occurred with those who wanted to sow wheat.

With the single exception of these grubbing, chopping and rolling frolics the frontiersman relied exclusively upon his own help and ingenuity. With the hand-made plow, all wood but the broad shovel or narrow cotter fastened at the lower end of the beam, he weaved in and out among the roots and stumps across the cleared patch until the tough turf was well broken. The power drawing the plow was either the horse harnessed with home-made straw collar, wooden hames, leather back-bands and hemp traces, or a pair of cattle joined together, side by side, by hickory bows passing around the neck and up through holes in a wooden beam laying just behind the bovine's ears. A wooden key was thrust through a small aperture in the end of the inside prong of the bow, holding it in place on the neck and in the beam. The PRINGLE brothers did their plowing and hauling with a milch (*sic* - German for "milk") cow, harnessed like a horse. The animal served double purpose for years as beast of burden and producer of food.

John HACKER, at Lorentz, was the first blacksmith on the waters of the Buckhannon. Prior to his cobbling in iron the frontiersmen had to use for chains, for bolts and for ropes. The singletree was a three-foot stick of tough wood, with a hole through the center and another at the end.

Clips were unknown. The doubletree was like the singletree and larger.

The saddle was a typical pack saddle, made of dogwood forks and slats of wood. Blankets of rags or sheepskin were put under this rough make-shift to lessen the injury to the animal's back and skins of fur and wool were put over it to lessen injury to the rider's stern.

Horses, cattle and hogs were fed out of soft wood troughs of every size and length; and often the larger troughs were used as grain bins, pickling barrels and swill tubs. Milk pails and water buckets were wooden, manufactured of dressed staves and hickory hoops. When these vessels were distinct the former was called a "keeler," the latter a "pidgin," but the rule was that multiplicity produced confusion and one was sufficient for both purposes.

Sleds were exclusively used until the dawn of the nineteenth century. Messrs. Jacob LORENTZ, Abraham CARPER and Abe POST transported their goods from Beverly on a wagon in 1800, the first seen on the Buckhannon. The first wagon brought here permanently was the one carrying the goods of Messrs. Robert YOUNG and Gilbert GOULD. The paths were so narrow and steep, it fell into disuse and decay.

Hogs and cattle date their presence with the beginning. The rich mast and nutritious range kept the swine in a growing, healthy condition, such as insured and encouraged rapid multiplication. Shortly the woods were full of them. If hog meat was craved the pioneer had no trouble to satisfy his craving. As time went on a market for savory mountain ham was found and the hog trade became a paying business.

The demand for hogs was responsible for infinite and sometimes menacing disputes over ownership. The cause of these disputes was removed by the custom of a system of markings, ear cuttings, nose lashings and tail trimmings. Messrs. James SMITH, Abram REGER, James TEETER and J. Wesley WESTFALL were some of the first hog merchants. The hogs brought a certain price per head, were collected in one large herd at the home of the buyer, and started off on foot to market. Men were hired to follow them to Richmond, Winchester or Cumberland and watch that none escaped. The owner usually followed soon after his drove in a wagon loaded with corn and carrying an empty box to rest and help the tired or injured which fell by the way.

Chester W. MORGAN was employed to assist in driving a herd of 937 to Richmond, which place was reached with the full number.

Wandering away from improvements and staying away for a term of years effected the hog's tameness and reduced him in many instances to his former wild and ferocious state.

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*June 4, 1881*

## Robbery

John WILSON broke into the residence of Mr. Randolph JACKSON on Sunday last while he and his family were at church and got possession of two pocket books with some money. Jacob C. JACKSON and George JACKSON who were near the house watched the movements of WILSON and when he had gotten fairly to work on the inside captured him. He was placed in the hands of Ben FOX who brought him to Weston Sunday evening and lodged him in jail.



1. I'm searching for information on my maternal ggg-grandfather Isaac "no arms" **PRICE**, his life and his place of burial. He lived in the Sugar Creek area of Barbour Co most of his adult life. Anyone with information on him, or with a similar interest in him, please contact me. **Cara P. MILLER**, 230 Enrico Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, e-mail [grider@c2i2.com](mailto:grider@c2i2.com), or phone (520) 459-2840.

2. I would like to compare/share information on my grandmother's family (Emeline **CAMPBELL**, b. 3/24/1873, Creston, WV, d. 8/18/1945, San Diego, CA; m. Oke Johnson **STUMP**, 8/2/1899 in Grantsville, WV). Emeline's mother was Mary Jane **MAZE CAMPBELL** (b. 9/16/1845, Glenville, VA/WV, d. 2/12/1937, Creston, WV, m. Hiram **CAMPBELL**, 12/12/1865). Mary Jane's parents were George and Permelia Ann **ROBERTS MAZE**. Mary Jane's grandmother, last name **BAMBRIDGE**, from Morgantown, moved to Wirt County and had ten children. Emeline's father was Hiram **CAMPBELL** (b. 3/24/1843, Creston, VA/WV, d. 7/18/1924, Creston, WV). He was a Civil War Veteran. His parents were William **CAMPBELL** and Virginia **DePEW**. He was born on a farm that was a land grant of several thousand acres from George Washington. Please reply to Emmaline **CAMPBELL**, 7917 Juanita Ct, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

3. I'm writing you this short letter to let you know of my intended donation of our family book. My brother and I spent quite a few years and money on this project for our mother, Wilmajean Knight **SMITH**. Recently my brother passed away and did not get to finish the book. We are still looking for an uncle we believe may still be living in West Virginia. We are not even sure that this uncle knows he has a family that would love to meet him. My brother's greatest wish was to bring this uncle and our mother together. A little information on the uncle we are trying to locate: James Ernest **BALL**, b. Dec 2, 1926 in Telsa, WV; father, Asa F. **BALL**, mother, Margaret Ella **WILLIAMS**. It is believed that upon his mother's death in 1930, James only being 4 years old, was taken in and raised by the **CONLEY** family of Gauley Bridge, WV. It is uncertain whether this was ever made a legal adoption. James served time in the correctional system of the state of West Virginia from August 27, 1948 until he was released on parole August 31, 1953. His guardian upon release was a Mr. C. A. **CONLEY** (friend), of Gauley Bridge, WV. Military Service: Army Feb 28, 1945 until Jan 1, 1947, Honorable Discharge. Please reply with any information about James to Shelly A. **FATHERLY**, 12277 Goshen Road, Salem, Ohio 44460.

4. I am researching the **KEENER** family from the area of Fink Creek, especially the Charles Forrest **KEENER** line. They originated from the Braxton Co area and moved sometime to the Lewis Co area. My father is a son of Charles Forrest **KEENER**. Have hit a dead end...any help would be appreciated. Please reply to Gina **BOWLES**, 1068 Hilbish Ave, Akron, Ohio 44312-3016, e-mail [Gina863@aol.com](mailto:Gina863@aol.com).

5. Looking for information on the **ALEXANDER** family! Margaret **ALEXANDER** (Albemarle County, VA, Upshur County, WV), wife of John Nathaniel **JOHNSON**, Sr., b.

10/5/1814, d. 12/28/1888, and daughter of Samuel ALEXANDER and Sarah ?????. Please contact L. Neil JOHNSON at 1271 Emerald Creek Drive, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147, or e-mail nj27@gwis.com.

6. Looking for information on the family of Patrick and Mary (MELLOY) TIERNEY, of Weston, WV. Children include Mary Josephine, Margaret, Catherine, Sally Eevalin, Kathleen, Patrick E., James Aloysuis, Stephen Thomas (my grandfather), Ann, Fanny, and Francis. A boarder of their house (1880 Census), Edward Albert BENNETT, later married Sally. Edward was in a Treasury position during the Civil War, and involved in politics somewhere. There are family stories that Patrick TIERNEY knew Stonewall JACKSON. I have found biographical listings about Kathleen TIERNEY and James Aloysuis. I am really interested in specific info about my greatgrandfather Patrick, his wife, and their life in Weston. I understand that son Stephen ran a pharmacy in Weston. Please reply to Roger TIERNEY, 22135 Pheasant St, Lake Forest, CA 92630-1845 or e-mail: 100430.1256@compuserve.com.

7. Searching for photographs of Jesse Hamilton G. NUTTER & Mary McWHORTER, or any of the following family members: Jesse H. G. NUTTER, b. Dec 1, 1818, d. Sep 22, 1895; Mary McWHORTER (daughter of Thomas McWHORTER and Delila STALNAKER), b. 17 Feb, 1816, d. 22 May, 1906. Jesse & Mary's son, Lloyd NUTTER, was my great great grandfather. Also, I would like to know where Jesse's parents, Thomas Christopher and Lois Parks NUTTER are buried. Please reply to Alma WEILMUNSTER, 242 Nancy Place, Ballwin, MO 63021.

8. Looking for information on Margaret, wife of Clough Shelton FITZPATRICK and their families. I have been told she was of the MERRITT line but have not found ANY reference to her. What I do know is she was married to Clough on 12 Nov 1835. She was born about 1817 and died about 1861. She had 10 children with Clough: Chloe SHELTON married to Virginia Frances WESTFALL; John William married to Lucinda WHITE; James married to Indiana WHITE; Joseph married to Martha Ellen Wiant and Mary Loretta SNYDER; Lewis Henry married to Mary Jane MIDDLETON; Catherine; Eliza A. married to David SWARTZ; Samuel married to Emsy E. FURR; Matilda married to Clark Jonas WAGGONER; and Prudence married to Benjamin FOGG. After the death of Margaret, Clough remarried to Amanda SMITH. With him it is believed they had five children: Lee; Martha who married William MILTON; Mary E.; William D.; and Margaret F. FITZPATRICK. I would like to locate Margaret's info and that for her parents. And also learn more about her children with Clough and Clough's children with Amanda. Please reply to Carol YAKUPCAK, 11599 Hoover Ave NW, Uniontown, OH 44685 or e-mail Teacross@aol.com.

9. Any help regarding the family of James WILSON, m. Dorothea (Dolly?) SMITH, 12 Dec 1839, Lewis Co, WV. Children include Phebe, Martin, Eli J., Richard, and Sylvanus J. I am particularly interested in James' parents. Please respond to Jill PARRY, 3412 West Melody Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902, or e-mail winger@iquest.net.

10. HANIGAN/ MAXWELL/ DAVIS/ DUNNINGTON/ MATHIAS. Looking for descendants of: Thomas HANIGAN, b. June 1846 in MD, s/o Thomas (b. ca. 1823 in Dublin, Ireland) and Mary ???? (b. ca. 1821 in PA). Married twice. #1 Harriet (b. ca. 1849, m. ca. 1868), lived in Flemington Twp, Taylor Co, PA. 3 children: Cora b. ca.

1869, m. Thomas **DUNNINGTON**; Samuel Floyd, b. ca. 1872; Dottie (b. June 1873), m. Irvin **DAVIS** (b. June 1872). #2 Rachel (or Virginia) **MAXWELL** (b. ca. 1861). 6 children: Okey, b. Oct 1884, committed to Huntington State Hospital; Tangie, b. March 1890; Urie (dau), b. Nov 1892; Lillie, b. Apr 1893, m. ??? **MATHIAS** (dau Viola); Erley (son), b. Oct 1894; Shirley (son), b. April 1896, d. Dec 23, 1946, m. Bessie Madie **WILLIS** (1899-1945). Anyone researching these families please contact JoAnn **CUPP**, P.O. Box 1674, Twain Harte, CA 95383-1674, e-mail [ana@mlode.com](mailto:ana@mlode.com).

11. Looking for parents and other ancestors of Abraham **MILLER**, b. abt 1806 in Virginia and wife Jane ???, b. abt 1805 in Virginia (would like Jane's last name, too). 1860 census of Gilmer County (W)Va shows birthplace for both Abraham & Jane as Randolph Co., VA. They were not present in 1850 census. Don Norman's work on son George W.'s history says family moved to Gilmer Co. in 1854. Six children, all born in Rockbridge Co., VA: Preston G., b. July 13, 1833, VA, m. Rebecca **WIANT** June 15, 1859 in Gilmer Co.; Edward, b. abt 1834, m. Rachael ???; Andrew, b. abt 1835, m. Phebe **LUZZADER** July 28, 1859, Gilmer Co.; George W., b. abt 1836, m. Emily **WIANT**, b. abt. 1843; Henry, b. abt 1841, m. Margaret ???, b. abt 1850; Margaret, b. abt 1842. The last trace I have of Abraham and Jane is the 1880 Gilmer Co., WV census showing them living with their 20 year old grandson, Preston, one of two sons of Andrew **MILLER**, my gg-grandfather, who was killed in Civil War. I would like to find their date of death and place of burial as well as any other information about this family. I am also especially interested in date of death and place of burial of Andrew and any information about his wartime service to the Confederacy. I have extensive information on descendants of Andrew's son William Thomas (Dink) **MILLER** which I am willing to share. Please respond to Gary **MILLER**, 7641 Quail Creek Trace, Pittsboro, IN 46761 or by e-mail to [millers@indyweb.net](mailto:millers@indyweb.net).

12. I believe the following people are brothers and sisters, or half-brothers and sisters and would appreciate any information that could link them together: Asa Eli **GILLASPY**, b. abt 1849 (shows up in the 1850 Braxton Co Census in the household of James **GILLASPY**...in his marriage to 1st wife, Mary Jane **HOPKINS**, his parent is listed as Martha **GILLASPIE**); James Franklin **GILLESPIE**, b. 15 Sept 1852, d. 22 Sept 1915, m. Nancy Ann **BROWN**; Tilison Clark **GILLESPIE**, b. 14 Sept 1855, d. 25 May 1941, m. Sara **BYERS**; Serena C. **GILLESPIE**, b. abt 1859; Robert Lee **GILLESPIE**, b. 9 May 1865, d. 7 Jan 1932, m. (1st) Liza Link **HUDKINS**, m. (2nd at age 65) May **GRIFFITH** (his death certificate lists his father as John L. **GILLISPIE** and his mother's maiden name as Martha **GILLISPIE**). The first three above show up in the 1860 Braxton Co Census in the household of Asa and Margaret (**GILLESPIE**) **WESTFALL**. Also listed in this household is Martha J. **GILLESPIE**, age 27. Please reply with any information that that could possibly link the above people together to Claud C. Gillespie, 717 Winged Foot Drive, Aiken, SC 29803-5958 or e-mail at [scgil@csranet.com](mailto:scgil@csranet.com).

13. **POSEY-SCOTT-SKINNER**. I am seeking information on the family of my 4th great grandmother, Catherine Caroline **SCOTT**, b. 1782 in Charles Co., MD, d. November 27, 1857 in Lewis Co. (W)VA. She was the d/o Reverend James **SCOTT** and Sarah **BROWN**. (The maiden name of **BROWN** was given to me by two other researchers, but I have no proof of the name.) Catherine's first husband was Alexander **SKINNER**, b. in MD and d. before 1807 when a tree fell on him. Catherine and Alexander had two sons, Samuel Sanford **SKINNER** (m. Elizabeth **BAILEY**, no other info in my files) and Alexander

Newton SKINNER, b. in Harrison Co., (W)VA. Alexander NEWTON, m. Phebe CONRAD, d/o Daniel CONRAD and Margaret SHIELDS. (I descend from Alexander and Phebe via two of their sons, Granville B. SKINNER (m. Martha WALTON) and Francis Marion SKINNER (m. Lucy H. POSEY).) After the death of Catherine Caroline SCOTT SKINNER'S 1st husband, she married Edward POSEY, b. in MD, d. December 8, 1837 in Braxton Co. (W)VA. They married November 27, 1807 in Harrison Co., (W)VA and had several children. I descend from their son Benjamin H. POSEY, b. 1815. He married his first wife Cynthia ROBINSON whom he married in 1836. It appears that she died before 1850. Benjamin married his second wife Frances ????. Perhaps her maiden name was HUTCHESON because their daughter Lucy's middle initial was "H" and their son's middle name was HUTCHESON. (Note - I have not found Benjamin and Frances' marriage in the Braxton or Lewis Co. marriage books.) I descend from Benjamin's daughter Lucy H. POSEY who married Francis Marion SKINNER (from above). As you can follow, I descend back to Catherine Caroline SCOTT SKINNER POSEY by both of her marriages and through several of her descendants. I am hoping to find more information about Catherine. I would like to know exactly who her parents were and where they were from, how many children did they have and what became of them and where Catherine was buried. Any information on this SCOTT family would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me: Cindy ETHIER-KOSTKA, 12 Montello St. Ext., Brockton, MA 02301-7101 or e-mail at JCCEKOST@aol.com.

14. Searching for the ancestors of Nimrod SCOTT, b. 15 May 1819 in VA/WV. He married Maria REGER and they both appear with some of their children in the 1850 Ritchie Co., VA/WV Census. By 1856 they are living in Wayne Co., IA. They then move on to Lee Co., IA and die there. Maria was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Magdeline (BRAKE) REGER who lived in Lewis/Upshur Co., VA/WV. Children: Luvenia, b. abt. 1845, VA/WV; Isaac Tazewell, . 29 Aug 1848, VA/WV; Louisa Jane, b. abt. 1850; Mary, b. abt. 1853, VA/WV; Elizabeth (Lizzie), b. Mar 20, 1856/57, Wayne Co., IA (my Gr.-Grandmother); Nimrod, b. abt. 1859, IA; Clark, b. Aug 1862, IA; and Olive, b. abt. 1867, IA. Please respond to Annette CARROLL, 1325 Cypress Point Dr, Placentia, CA 92870 or e-mail Herb92870@aol.com.

15. Leonard D. SIMS, b ca 1812, s/o John and Mary "Polly" (CURTIS) SIMS, 1/m Hannah REEDER, b ca 1813 and d bef 1858, and had children: Gilbert, b ca 1834; Elizabeth, b 13 Aug 1836, d 19 Oct 1891; Alfred, b 1 Jan 1841, d 19 Oct 1891 (where buried?); Louisa, b ca 1844; Hannah Keziah, b 1846; James L., b ca 1849; and Sarah, no further info. Leonard 2/m Mary DAVISSON 22 Nov 1858 in Harrison Co. Leonard was living on Hacker's Creek in the Stony Run area in 1850, then disappears by 1860. Did he move to Harrison County? When did he die? Where is he buried? Where is Hannah REEDER buried? Alfred was my husband, Daril's g. grandfather. Where was he buried? I know that John and Polly SIMS are buried at Harmony and I know where many of the family lived, but the records about them (particularly Daril's line) sure are scarce --- very few gravestones, etc. Is anybody working on this family? Will gladly exchange what little I have. Please reply to Joy STALNAKER, Rt. 1 Box 65, Horner, WV 26372 or e-mail to hcpd@access.mountain.net.

16. GLAZE, MEANS. Does anyone know the exact marriage date of Henry GLAZE and Sophia MEANS? I only have about 1826. Would appreciate any info and proof of this marriage. He was b. 18 Jan 1804 and Sophia, 11 May 1808 in Lewis Co. Henry d. in

1876 and Sophia in 1895 - both in Reedy, Roane Co., WV. Please reply to **Bette BUTCHER TOPP**, 1304 W Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 or by e-mail at [toppline@cet.com](mailto:toppline@cet.com).

17. **MILLER, CARPENTER**. Samuel **MILLER** was supposed to have been b. 25 Apr 1796 Greenbrier Co., WV. He m. ca 1817 to Rebecca **CARPENTER** in Braxton Co. Samuel d. 13 Jan 1874 on Spring Creek, Roane Co., WV. Need his parentage. Some say Stephen and some say Jacob. Can anyone help me on this? Please reply to **Bette BUTCHER TOPP**, 1304 W Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 or by e-mail at [toppline@cet.com](mailto:toppline@cet.com).

18. **CONRAD, FISHER, STRATTON**. Charles **FISHER** b. ca 1765 - (need exact date) and m. ca 1789 to Eunice **STATTON**. He was s/o George **FISHER**, Sr. and Elizabeth **CONRAD**. Eunice was d/o Seriah **STRATTON** and a Catherina ????. Need her maiden name. Charles had a will dated 15 Jul 1829, proved Feb 1830 in Lewis Co. What is his death date and where is he buried? Appreciate any help on these people. Please reply to **Bette BUTCHER TOPP**, 1304 W Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 or by e-mail at [toppline@cet.com](mailto:toppline@cet.com).

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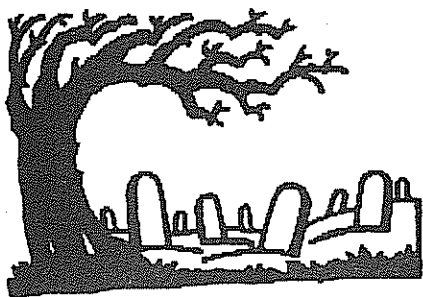
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| Abercombie, W. H.           | H-8865                  | Co C, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/15/64               |
| Allison, Wm.                | H-11525                 | Cp F, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 10/26/64              |
| Anderson, Alfred            | K-824                   | Co H, 2 <sup>d</sup> WV Inf   |             |                        |                           | 5/1/64                |
| Arbogast, G. W.             | F-5341                  | Co C, 1 <sup>st</sup> Art     |             |                        |                           | 8/11/64               |
| Armstrong, George           | K-876                   | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 5/3/64                |
| Armstrong, John W.          | F-5011                  | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 8/10/64               |
| Armstrong, Granville        |                         |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Armstrong, J. B.            | K-1968                  | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 6/10/64               |
| Aronbalt, J. H., Cpl        | J-2769                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Piedmont    | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 7/2/64                |
| Ayres, S. V.                | K-942                   | Co C, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 5/7/64                |
| Barber, Joseph              | F-4427                  | Co F, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/31/64               |
| Basnett, J. F. <sup>1</sup> | H-11669                 | Co K, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/30/64              |
| Bates, F. E. <sup>2</sup>   | K-1705                  | Co F, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 6/7/64                |
| Batt, M. B.                 | H-8539                  | Co E, 18 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/12/64               |
| Beaver, Peter               | E-6706                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Bloomington | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 8/4/64                |
| Beezle, Jno. <sup>3</sup>   | E-7126                  | Co G, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/28/64               |
| Bennett, L. C.              | F-756                   | Co C, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 4/27/64               |
| Bishoff, J. C.              | F-5495                  | Co C, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/12/64               |
| Blackburn, George           | K-980                   | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Ridgeville  | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 5/9/64                |
| Blessing, Pius              | H-11090                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Bogard, Jno. R.             | H-7909                  | Co A, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/5/64                |
| Boguess, Henry C.           | H-12045                 | Co E, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 11/16/64              |
| Boner, James <sup>4</sup>   | K-448                   | Co L, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 4/9/64                |
| Bowermaster, S. R.          | K-2627                  | Co D, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 6/28/64               |
| Brake, Jacob, Sgt           | K-943                   | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 5/6/64                |
| Brake, Sutton               | F-5507                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |

<sup>1</sup> Listed as Barnett by Atwater. Private Dorance Atwater, Second NY Cav, was a prisoner at Andersonville and kept this list of burials there during the war. It was this list that was used to mark the graves. He is considered the authority on grave numbering at Andersonville; however, many times the names were spelled incorrectly.

<sup>2</sup> Listed as T.E. on Atwater list

<sup>3</sup> Spelled Beasley by Atwater

<sup>4</sup> Atwater spells the name Boone

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| Brooks, S. T.               | K-255                   | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Uniontown   | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 3/30/64               |
| Brown, Moses                | K-2518                  | Co E, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 6/26/64               |
| Bunten, W. B.               | H-11411                 | Co E, 6th WV Cav              | Sago        | 6/26/64                |                           | 1/24/64               |
| Burns, Samuel A.            | K-221                   | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 3/29/64               |
| Burton, Nicholas            | H-12412                 | Co B, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 1/8/65                |
| Bush, H. H.                 | H-11337                 | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/23/64              |
| Butcher, Peter              | H-9796                  | Co F, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/26/64               |
| Cain, Joseph                | K-323                   |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Campbell, O. H.             | H-9406                  | Co F, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/21/64               |
| Campbell, W. B.             | H12174                  | Co I, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 11/26/64              |
| Carnet, Abraham             | E-6348                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Carr, W. M.                 | K-403                   | Co B, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/6/64                |
| Carrigan, James             | K-2013                  | Co A, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/15/64               |
| Carten, Wm.                 | H-10581                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Castle, H. C.               | H-11561                 | Co A, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 10/27/64              |
| Casto, J. C.                | K-1032                  | Co E, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/11/64               |
| Childs, S. T.               | H-10598                 | Co C, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/10/64              |
| Christen, James             | H-9755                  | Co C, 15 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/25/64               |
| Clark, Guy                  | E-7091                  | Co E, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/28/64               |
| Clements, Thos.             | E-6674                  | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 8/24/64               |
| Clendenen, C. L.            | K-835                   | Co D, 4 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 5/1/64                |
| Cobun, J. M.                | H-9967                  | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/28/64               |
| Coffman, Franklin           | K-2235                  | Co A, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/30/64               |
| Conrad, Anthony             | J-2817                  | Co F, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/3/64                |
| Cook, E. H. (Sgt)           | F-4741                  | Co I, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/5/64                |
| Cook, J. J.                 | H-8990                  | Co I, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/17/64               |
| Cool, J. B. (Cpl)           | F-4363                  | Co H, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/31/64               |
| Coon, Nathan                | K-1100                  | Co K, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 5/14/64               |
| Cooper, A. W. (Cpl)         | H-11830                 | Co I, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 11/26/64              |
| Corbit, Lewis B.            | K-1100                  | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 3/25/64               |
| Cotrill, Levi               | H-9762                  | Co B, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 9/25/64               |
| Cox, T. A. (Sgt)            | J-3315                  | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/14/64               |
| Cremeens, J. d.             | E-7179                  | Co D, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/29/64               |
| Cupp, Isaac                 | F-5174                  | Co H, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/9/64                |
| Curry, Robert A.            | K-365                   | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 4/4/64                |
| Curtin, B.                  | E-6809                  | Co B, 4th WV Inf              |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Daley, James                | K-2081                  | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 6/17/64               |
| Danner, Henry H.            | H-9374                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Piedmont    | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 9/20/64               |
| Danner, Joseph              | K-6745                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Piedmont    | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 8/24/64               |
| Davis, Sanderson            | K-647                   | Co D, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/20/64               |
| Dawson, N. M.               | H-8582                  | Co L, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/12/64               |
| Dean, Samuel                | K347                    | Co H, 5 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/2/64                |
| Debran, A. J.               | K-24                    | Co G, 5 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 3/8/64                |
| Deem, Jere.                 | H-9159                  | Co K, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 9/18/64               |
| Defilbaugh, Jere.(Cpl)      | K-632                   | Co G, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Art  |             |                        |                           | 4/19/64               |
| Dent, J. N.                 | H-8467                  | Co H, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/10/64               |
| Diver, Gabriel <sup>5</sup> | H-8248                  | Co D, 15 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/9/64                |

<sup>5</sup> WV Encyclopedia gave the name as Divis; all other military records list him as Diver.

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| Dood, S. J. (Sgt)            | E-6949                  | Co F, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/26/64               |
| Donohue, Salathiel           | H-12807                 | Co C, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 3/21/65               |
| Dorsey, Marshall             | E-6936                  | Co L, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/26/64               |
| Doty, J. A.                  | H-12508                 | Co A, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 1/23/65               |
| Douglass, George W.          | K-202                   | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 3/27/64               |
| Duckworth, U. B.             | J-3105                  | Co A, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 7/10/64               |
| Dumberger, Geroqe            | E-7092                  | Co C, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/28/64               |
| Duncan, J. M.                | K-843                   | Co D, 5 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/2/64                |
| Duncan, W. H.                | H-12335                 | Co C, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 12/6/64               |
| Dye, W. J. H.                | J-3246                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Ridgeville  | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 7/13/64               |
| Estep, Jno., Jr.             | H-10975                 | Co L, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/12/64              |
| Faesley, Levi                | H-8698                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Art        |             |                        |                           | 9/14/64               |
| Feather, J. B.               | H-7941                  | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/5/64                |
| Fleming, W. W.               | H-11022                 | Co A, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/16/64              |
| Foster, C. K.                | K-613                   | Co H, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/18/64               |
| Foster, Seth                 | E-7203                  | Co A, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/29/64               |
| Fowkes, W. M.                | E-7565                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Fox, H. E.                   | K-955                   | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/8/64                |
| Freeburn, R. L. (Sgt)        | H-10206 <sup>6</sup>    | Co H, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/2/64               |
| Fuller, Irvin                | K-117                   | Militia                       |             |                        |                           | 3/23/64               |
| Furr, Enoch                  | H-10709                 | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Harrisville | 7/3/64                 |                           | 10/11/64              |
| Gardner, Samuel <sup>7</sup> | F-4738                  | Co G, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/4/64                |
| Geho, Emanuel                | J-2649                  | Co C, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 6/29/64               |
| Gibson, Lewis                | H-11864                 | Co A, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 11/6/64               |
| Gluck, A. E.                 | H-11574                 | Co D, 10 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/28/64              |
| Golden, Jno.                 | J-2712 <sup>8</sup>     | Co G, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/1/64                |
| Gray, Peter                  | K-2485                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Greathouse, Thomas           | H-11060                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Gunderson, Jno.              | K-2569                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Hall, Henry                  | F-5647                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             |             | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 8/14/64               |
| Halpin, Jno.                 | K-839                   | Co D, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/2/64                |
| Hammer, Samuel               | F-5061                  | Co G, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 8/8/64                |
| Harding, C. W.               | H-8341                  | Co A, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/10/64               |
| Hardway, W. P.               | H-8268                  | Co G, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 9/9/64                |
| Harper, W. A.                | E-6538                  | Co H, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/23/64               |
| Harrison, David              | K-294                   | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Ridgeway    | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 4/1/64                |
| Hartley, I. S.               | F-5412                  | Co I, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/12/64               |
| Hartzell, Simon              | H-12014                 | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 11/15/64              |
| Hatfield, Issac              | K-1421                  | Co B, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/28/64               |
| Hawkins, Edward              | H-11027                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Hawkins, H.                  | K-1854                  | Co F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/11/64               |
| Heller, Wm.                  | K-568                   | Co D, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/15/64               |
| Hendershott, S. T.           | H-11396                 | Co E, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 10/24/64              |
| Herbert, W. E.               | H-11316                 | Co G, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/22/64              |
| Hershman, Wm.(Cpl)           | N-8061                  | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Piedmont    | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 9/7/64                |
| Hess, J. W.                  | K-1013                  | Co C, 10th WV Inf             | Buckhannon  |                        |                           | 5/10/64               |

<sup>6</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as H-10216

<sup>7</sup> Atwater gives the surname as Gordon.

<sup>8</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as J-2711.

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| Hickman, Enoch                  | H-12153                 | Co B, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 11/24/64              |
| Hoffman, J. W.                  | K-997                   | Co E, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/10/64               |
| Hollenbeck W. H. (Cpl)          | H-10990                 | Co B, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/14/64              |
| Hollingshead, Sam'l             | K-843                   |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Hoover, W. H.                   | J-2702                  | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/30/64               |
| Horan, E. C.                    | J-3930                  | Co C, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/25/64               |
| Hosaflook, H. A.                | H-11609                 | Co E, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Houston, B                      | H-9166                  | Co B, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/18/64               |
| Howe, Lemuel                    | J-2957                  | Co I, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/15/64               |
| Howwell, Alex.                  | J-2902                  | Co E, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 7/5/64                |
| Hunter, C. W.                   | K-398                   | Co A, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/6/64                |
| Hutson, Jno.                    | H-8344                  | Co A, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/10/64               |
| Jackson, s. C.                  | J-3969                  | Co E, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/25/64               |
| Jacobs, J. L.                   | H-9378                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Jake, A. K.                     | J-3045                  | Co I, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/8/64                |
| John, A. J.                     | H-11267                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Johns, David K.                 | K-312                   | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 4/2/64                |
| Johnston, T. A.                 | H7681                   | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/3/64                |
| Jones, Granville                | E-6076                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Junkins, Wm.                    | H-8371                  | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Art  |             |                        |                           | 9/10/64               |
| Karn, R.                        | H-11739                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Kearnes, Alpheus H.             | J-2661                  | Co E, 10th WV Inf             | Tyler Co    | 12/13/63               |                           | 6/29/64               |
| Kimble, Jno.                    | E-5822                  | Co K, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 8/16/64               |
| Kisner, J. E.                   | H-8723                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Kooh, J. H.                     | H-11516                 |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Lagger, Jno.                    | K-1949                  | Co B, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 6/14/64               |
| Langston, M. H.                 | K-1565                  | Co A, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 6/2/64                |
| Laughlin, Daniel                | H-11624                 | Co E, 9 <sup>th</sup> Wv Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/28/64              |
| Lauw, H. T.                     | E-7237                  | Co L, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 8/29/64               |
| Lemons, J. F.                   | H-11325                 | Co C, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/23/64              |
| Leyshon, William                | J-2734                  | Co I, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/1/64                |
| Liston, David                   | H-10564                 | Co C, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/9/64               |
| Loring, J. E.                   | H-12262                 | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Art  |             |                        |                           | 12/12/64              |
| Lowe, J. H.                     | H-10569                 | Co C, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 10/9/64               |
| Lowe, W. G                      | H-11021                 | Co G, 18 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/16/64              |
| Ludakine, Wm.                   | K-589                   | Co A, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/17/64               |
| Lusirs, J. E.                   | H-11989                 | Co D, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 11/13/64              |
| Morefield, Jno.                 | H-8216                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Mason, Peter                    | K-280                   | Co I, 10th WV Inf             | Ridgeville  | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                |                       |
| McCaukey, A. L. <sup>9</sup>    | H-10934                 | Co B, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/14/64              |
| McCausland, Robert              | H-12272                 | Co G, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 12/12/64              |
| McClinton, Jno. <sup>10</sup>   | K-820                   | Co G, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/1/64                |
| McCanaughe, D. M. <sup>11</sup> | K-786                   | Co f, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 4/28/64               |
| McCormick, Robert               | K-582                   | Co F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/16/64               |
| McGahan, Joseph                 | K-387                   | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 4/15/64               |
| McGrugan, Peter                 | H-9488                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |

<sup>9</sup> Atwater gives surname as McConkey.<sup>10</sup> Atwater gives surname as McGitton.<sup>11</sup> Atwater gives surname as McConnaughey

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| McKenna, F.            | E-6380                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| McKinny, Wm.           | H-10578                 | Co L, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/9/64               |
| McLachlan, Rob't (Cpl) | H-10970                 | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Art  |             |                        |                           | 10/15/64              |
| McNelley, James        | K-422                   | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 4/5/64                |
| Meadows, Wm. L.        | E-12922                 | Co K, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Mellen, David          | H-9955                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Menear, L. B.          | H-9699                  | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/24/64               |
| Meetz, Henry           | H-12099                 | Co e, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 11/19/64              |
| Milam, R. A.           | J-2932                  | Co i, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/5/64                |
| Mills, W. A. (Sgt)     | E-5949                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Mokes, R.              | J-3955 <sup>12</sup>    | 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav        |             |                        |                           | 7/20/64               |
| Moody, R. W.           | H-10567                 | Co E, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/9/64               |
| Moore, Martin          | K-1675                  | Co K, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 6/6/64                |
| Morris, Amos T. (Sgt)  | J-3150                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Morris, C. M.          | H-9767                  | Co K, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/25/64               |
| Morris, I. M.          | K-1068                  | Co E, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 5/13/64               |
| Mouser, J. T.          | H-11546                 | Co C, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/27/64              |
| Murphy, Jere.          | K-1419                  | Co D, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/28/64               |
| Newman, Aaron          | J-3395                  | Co B, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/16/64               |
| Nicholas, Burton       | H-12472                 | Co B, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 1/17/65               |
| Nicholas, L. D.        | E-6442                  | Co F, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/22/64               |
| Norman, Henry          | J-2857                  | Co I, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/4/64                |
| Osborn, Thomas         | K-1767                  | Co H, 5 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/9/64                |
| Packard, Myron (Cpl)   | K-398                   | Co I, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 4/13/64               |
| Paine, Mitchell (Cpl)  | F-4707                  | Co F, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/3/64                |
| Painter, C. G.         | J-2737                  | Co F, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/1/64                |
| Pauley, J. J.          | E-6004                  | Co C, 8 <sup>th</sup> Wv Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/17/64               |
| Perkins, Jam. A.       | E-6195                  | Co K, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 8/19/64               |
| Petrey, Gno.           | K-2645                  | Co G, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/29/64               |
| Pettit, Jerry (Cpl)    | J-3055                  | Co L, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/9/64                |
| Polland, John          | F-5213                  | Co I, 10 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf | Ridgefield  | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 8/10/64               |
| Porterfield, Jno.      | K-1707                  | Co F, 4 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 6/7/64                |
| Powelson               | K-2433                  | Co I, 10 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                |                       |
| Pugh, Louis            | F-5004                  | Co I, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/8/64                |
| Rakes, Wm.             | K-349                   | Co C, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/2/64                |
| Randall, J. A.         | K-560                   | Co K, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 4/15/64               |
| Rawleigh, Stephen      | H-11794                 | Co I, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 11/4/64               |
| Reed, E. M.            | H-10527                 | Co B, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 10/7/64               |
| Reed, Josephus         | J-3465                  | Co B, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 7/17/64               |
| Redden, Joseph         | J-3641                  | Co F, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/20/64               |
| Rice, Archibald        | K-521                   | Co G, 4 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 4/13/64               |
| Richardson, W. A.      | E-7005 <sup>13</sup>    | Co K, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 8/27/64               |
| Rinker, F. P.          | K-959                   | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 5/8/64                |
| Ritchards, C. S.       | K--1916                 | Co D, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 6/14/64               |
| Roble, Michael         | K-1040                  | Co A, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/12/64               |
| Rotroff, Jacob         | E-7257                  | Co H, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/30/64               |
| Rousey, W. s.          | F-4163                  | Co C, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/20/64               |
| Runner, Lewis          | J-3459                  | Co A, 5 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/17/64               |

<sup>12</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as J-3655<sup>13</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as E-7015

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Saladin, Edward (Cpl) <sup>14</sup> | H-9714                  | Co A, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 9/25/64               |
| Sands, William G.                   | H-9906                  | Co F, 10 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf | Sutton      | 7/23/64                |                           | 9/28/64               |
| Sands, W. C.                        | H-8011                  | Co F, 10 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/6/64                |
| Sandsberry, Isaac (Sgt)             | E-6924                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Saylor, S. M.                       | H-7291                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Sayres, Niclin                      | K-273 <sup>15</sup>     | Co I, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 3/31/64               |
| Schiller, S. A.                     | J-3588                  | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/19/64               |
| Scott, Zach. (Sgt)                  | K-1510                  | Co D, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 5/31/64               |
| Scratchfield, W.                    | H-8164                  | Co F, 16 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/8/64                |
| Shackelford, J. W.                  | K-927                   | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 5/7/64                |
| Shaub, Frederick                    | J-3747                  | Co E, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/22/64               |
| Simmons, Emanuel                    | F-5237                  | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 7/ /64                |
| Simons, Clossen E.                  | J-3895                  | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63                | Rock Cave                 | 7/ /64                |
| Skillington, T. W.                  | J-2931                  | Co D, 4 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/5/64                |
| Slee, R. M.                         | H-11625                 | Co D, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/25//64             |
| Smith, Hugh                         | F-5129                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Smith, J. A.                        | H-11276                 | Co B, 9 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 10/22/64              |
| Smith, John H.                      | H-10151                 | Co E, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 10/11/64              |
| Smith, J. W.                        | E-5975                  | Co G, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/17/64               |
| Smith, J. W.                        | H-9217                  | Co G, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/19/64               |
| Snider, J. V. (Sgt)                 | H-9786                  | Co D, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 9/26/64               |
| Snider, S.                          | F-4812                  | Co K, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/5/64                |
| Sprague, A. B.                      | K-680                   | Co F, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 4/23/64               |
| Sprouse, Oliver                     | E-5727                  | Co F, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 8/15/64               |
| Sprouse, Wesley                     | E-6473                  | Co F, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 8/22/64               |
| Squires, s. d.                      | E-6610                  | Co D, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 8/23/64               |
| Staggs, William F.                  | K-2359                  | Co I, 10 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             | 1/3/64                 | Moorefield                | 6/23/64               |
| Steele, Adam                        | F-4463                  | Co C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 8/1/64                |
| Steetler, J. N.                     | K-2437                  | Co B, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 6/25/64               |
| Stephenson, Jere.                   | J-3321                  | Co B, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 7/16/64               |
| Stewart, Christopher                | K-2226                  | Co I, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 6/20/64               |
| Stewart, W. A.                      | J-3865 <sup>16</sup>    | Co I, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 7/25/64               |
| Stockwell, H. H.                    | H-11836                 | Co B, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 11/5/64               |
| Stoker, Charles                     | H-7944                  | Co C, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 9/5/64                |
| Stuck, A. M.                        | H-8390                  | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/10/64               |
| Sturges, W. T.                      | H-8646                  | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 9/12/64               |
| Sturn, E. E.                        | F-4935                  | Co F, 12 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                        |                           | 8/7/64                |
| Sunier, G. S.                       | H-9872                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav        |             |                        |                           | 9/27/64               |
| Taylor, J. H. S.                    | H-8663                  | Co G, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 9/13/64               |
| Tharp, S. S.                        | H-12332                 | Co I, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 12/26/64              |
| Thrope, Job.                        | J-2854                  |                               |             |                        |                           |                       |
| Throwbridge, S.                     | J-3404                  | Co B, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/16/64               |
| Tomlinson, Simeon Sgt               | J-3846                  | Co I, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 7/24/64               |
| Tyree, Granville                    | F-5136 <sup>17</sup>    | Co H, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                        |                           | 8/8/64                |
| Vanscoy, Adam                       | K-1149                  | Co E, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 5/16/64               |
| Very, William                       | K-814                   | Co C, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                        |                           | 4/30/64               |

<sup>14</sup> Atwater gives surname as Sullivan.<sup>15</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as K-278.<sup>16</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as J-3965.<sup>17</sup> WV Encyclopedia gives grave number as F-5135.

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Vincent, John James | K-244               | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63            | Rock Cave             | 3/28/64           |
| Virts, R.           | K-1322              | Co A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> WV Cav  |             |                    |                       | 5/23/64           |
| Warnick, Edward     | H-7832              | Co D, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WV Inf  |             |                    |                       | 9/4/64            |
| Weaver, M. H.       | K-1757              | Co C, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                    |                       | 6/7/64            |
| Weihi, Julius       | J-3723              | Co L, 1 <sup>st</sup> WV Cav  |             |                    |                       | 7/12/64           |
| Wells, Israel       | H-8598              | Co F, 7 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                    |                       | 9/12/64           |
| White, J. No.       | H-10854             | Co C, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                    |                       | 10/13/64          |
| Whiting, William    | J-3925              | Co F, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                    |                       | 7/25/64           |
| Whitt, Aaron        | J-3996              | Co C, 6 <sup>th</sup> WV Cav  |             |                    |                       | 7/25/64           |
| Wilson, J. M.       | H-12063             |                               |             |                    |                       |                   |
| Wilson, Jno.        | H-7542              | Co B, 8 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf  |             |                    |                       | 9/2/64            |
| Wilson, Walter      | K-945               | Co F, 11 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                    |                       | 5/7/64            |
| Wolf, C. A.         | H-9626              | Co B, 14 <sup>th</sup> WV Inf |             |                    |                       | 9/24/64           |
| Young, Asa B.       | K-456               | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63            | Rock Cave             | 4/8/64            |
| Young, Edwin        | K-694               | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63            | Rock Cave             | 4/22/64           |
| Young Mathias       | K-148               | Co C, 133d WV Mil             | Upshur Co   | 9/12/63            | Rock Cave             | 4/6/64            |

## Where was Lucullus V. McWhorter Born?

*The following was submitted by Debbie Eastep of Bridgeport, WV. If you know the answer to Debbie's question, submit it to Buzz Brake at 5416 60<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA, 98467, or to PudJumper@aol.com, for publication in the next Journal. Be sure to include references to supporting information.*

Maybe the answer to this is McWhorter, WV, but where in Harrison County was Lucullus V. **McWHORTER** born (1860)? I noticed from the Washington State University Library's Special Collections biography of **McWHORTER**, that it simply says he was "on the upper waters of the Monongahela River in Harrison County, WV." Elsewhere, I see mention he returned to the family cattle ranch on Buckhannon Run, Berlin (1883, Lewis Co). I assume the family moved.

I initially ran into **McWHORTER** when I was doing research on Minnie Kendall **LOWTHER** (Ritchie County native) in Morgantown. **LOWTHER** owned the Upshur Record from 1916-1920 and met **McWHORTER** when he was visiting his brother in Buckhannon. She continued writing to **McWHORTER** until his death in 1944. He impressed me in his letters to her as quite a character, but also fascinating in his Northwest Native American storytelling. I was doing some research on the Yakima Indians recently and ran into **McWHORTER**'s published writings on the Yakima and Nez Perce tribes and was amazed that my Miss Minnie's friend was such a respected historian in Washington State!!

Your web site and information sharing is fantastic! I spent a year at the WV History Collection in Morgantown doing primary research for my thesis on **LOWTHER**. Take it from someone who spent countless hours at a microfiche reader/printer looking through old newspapers, census records, etc., your site is a Godsend!

*Debbie Eastep*



## Dennison/Dennisson Reunion Held

Submitted by  
*Marlene McCutcheon Kaltenbach*

A DENNISON/DENNISSON Family Reunion was held August 29 at the Lewis County Park, Weston, WV.

Descendants of Calvin Curry and Margaret Elizabeth (MORRISON) DENNISON, James Ross and Mary (HUSTEAD) DENNISON, James Ross and Margaret Roberta (NICHOLSON) DENNISON, and Edmund and Elizabeth (GREATHOUSE) DENNISON attended.

The 50 family members in attendance shared family lineage charts, pictures and stories! The morning session featured a tape of home-grown music by Charles VAN HORN.

Mary STRADER of Weston, and Jean BAUGHMAN won the "*Spring Chicken*" award for being the oldest in attendance. Zed and Mae DENNISON were awarded the "*On The Road Again*" award, for traveling the furthest distance - all the way from Houston, Texas. Muriel and Glen KNICELY of Ohio, were awarded the "*Lifetime Achievement*" award, for the longest married. Tracy and Ed BLEIGH of Weston, won the "*Newleywed*" award for the most recently married couple. "TJ", Timothy Allen SOMMER, Jr. of Delta, PA was the youngest family member in attendance.

Attending were: Jean BAUGHMAN, Josh BROWN, Hope DENNISON, John DENNISON, Johnna DENNISON, Samuel Eric and Allie DENNISON, Jim VAN HORN all of Jane Lew; Virginia, James WAYFORD, Mitchell and Salina DENNISON of Flatwoods; Brooke and Brittaney SOMMER, T.J., Melissa and Tim SOMMER, Charles and Margaret DENNISON SOMMER, all of Delta, PA.; Marlene MCCUTCHEON KALTENBACH, Butler, PA; Mac and Pauline DENNISON MCCUTCHEON, Vandergrift, PA; Glen and Muriel DENNISON KNICELY, New Concord, Ohio; Sandy BAILEY of Buckhannon; Patricia DENNISON BLEIGH, Herb BLEIGH, Edgar BLEIGH, Jennifer BLAKE, Ed, Tracy and Owen BLEIGH, Donna GILES, Sonnie BEE, Mary GROGG, Ed VAN HORN Mabel STRADER JEFFRIES and Mary STRADER, all of Weston; Mae and Zed DENNISON, Houston, Texas; Sue and Roger CUNNINGHAM, Mitchell and Salina DENNISON of Sutton, West Virginia; Paula HILL PRICE, Chelsea PRICE, Alvanna HILL FELTY, Denver and Margaret DENNISON HILL, Foster, West Virginia; Dorothy DENNISON, Walkersville, WV and Bill DENNISON, Parkersburg, WV; Barbara VAN HORN, Arizona; Charles VAN HORN, French Creek.

For information on the 1999 reunion, contact Marlene McCutcheon Kaltenbach, 120 Marshall Drive, Renfrew, PA 16053 or P.O. Box 415, Franklin, PA 16323.

*"Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you!"*

*-- Mark Twain*



## GENEAOLOGY GENIUS



Here are some more hints, tips, and brilliant flashes of genius on how to get the most from genealogy research efforts. HCPD members are encouraged to share tricks they have tried and found useful, keeping the explanation simple so it doesn't take an Einstein to figure them out.

**Using Brands to Locate Ancestors.** *I just discovered a new source (at least for me) to pinpoint the presence of an ancestor at a given time and place. In the Local History section of the Warren, OH public library, there is a photocopy of a book that lists the earmark brands for animals belong to people in Vienna Township, Trumbull County, OH starting in 1807. I would think that other areas would have a similar register so they could identify stray animals. I now have found the fourth reference to an elusive ancestor.*

Submitted by *Gretchen Bakies*

...and as added by Joy,

*In West Virginia, these ear marks are frequently found in the court order books. Thus, we have John HACKER'S ear mark.*

Submitted by *Joy Gilchrist Stalnaker*

**Getting Pointed in the Right Direction.** *I received this from a subscriber to the Alabama-L rootsweb and thought it might help some of those new to genealogy.*

*Having a hard time trying to find that maiden name of your gggrandmother? Here are some helpful hints!*

### MARRIAGES

*Research and case studies of proven ancestors show they often married their first cousins.*

*Follow her males...did they stay in that county or go to another state?*

*Who did her brothers and sisters marry?*

*Look at neighbors very closely. Males seldom married females that lived over 5 miles from their homes. More often, they chose their wife from the next house.*

### DEEDS

*Always look at several pages before and after listings of deeds. Pay special attention to all those recorded the same day.*

*Note other surnames that keep repeating often in deeds, plus "et al" which means "and others."*

*Note males that are selling their interest in property. This just may be the father-in-law who has recently died.*

*Note names and witnesses on wills and deeds...usually one is from the family of the female to protect her dower. This is not written in stone but very often true.*

*Always trace your females until dead and buried. Follow sons-in-law, sons, grandsons, and nephews.*

*Trace down all lines of a marriage. Often the husband would marry a sister of his wife if the first had died shortly after the marriage.*

#### **MORE RESEARCH IDEAS**

*State archives often have duplicate copies of lost county-level tax rolls.*

*Check all surrounding counties...your ancestors may have traveled to the nearest courthouse, even if it was outside their own county.*

*Census...All of the various schedules of the federal returns must be used. Above all, study the entire neighborhood for naming and migration patterns.*

*Check specialized biographical files composed by museums.*

*Check journals of the state house and senate.*

*Check superior court and federal district and supreme court files.*

*Church Records...don't overlook ANY denominations in that area.*

*Newspapers...use newspapers of surrounding counties, even across the state lines if another state is adjacent. You may check for church newspapers as their obits are often better than those in regular newspapers.*

#### **TRACK COLLATERAL LINES**

*Sisters are often difficult to pursue because of their name changes. Follow them through their husbands.*

*When all else fails, backtrack neighbors and associates who have similar naming/migration patterns and let them lead you to your ancestors.*

*Submitted by Cindy Ethier-Kostka*

[Editor's Note: the foregoing was originated by Barbara Farthing Bonham, Summerville, SC. Minor editing changes were made to make it fit HCPD Journal style.]



## Library Acquisitions

as of December 15, 1998

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Title</u>                                                     | <u>Donor</u>                       |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| US 167          | <i>America by Design</i>                                         | Vivian Hytovick                    |
| FA 637          | <i>John and Pierre POINSET</i>                                   | Doris Poinset                      |
| FA 636          | <i>BALL Family Tree</i>                                          | Shelley Fatherly                   |
| JO 64           | <i>Pal Am WV and Indiana</i>                                     | Raymond Wolfe, Jr.                 |
| RF 150          | <i>WV and VA Time Saving Aids</i>                                | Sheri Pettit                       |
| WV 250          | <i>WV Now and Then</i>                                           |                                    |
| CE 82           | <i>Taney County, MO Cemetery Readings</i>                        |                                    |
| FA 638          | <i>Living and Dead in Virginia - 2/16/1623</i>                   |                                    |
| FA 639          | <i>CHIDESTER History</i>                                         | Linda Nash                         |
| FA 640          | <i>COTTRILLS of Harrison Co, WV</i>                              | James Miracle and<br>Jack Cottrell |
| FA 641          | <i>Ancestors of Charles E. WOOD</i>                              | Charles E. Wood                    |
| FA 642          | <i>SWIGER Family</i>                                             | Burtis &<br>Margaret Frum          |
| FA 643          | <i>MARSH - How Far Back</i>                                      | Troy Marsh, Sr.                    |
| FA 644A         | <i>ALLMAN, Kenneth and LAW, Helen, Vol. 1</i>                    | Stephen Allman                     |
| FA 644B         | <i>ALLMAN, Kenneth and LAW, Helen, Vol. 2</i>                    | Stephen Allman                     |
| FA 644C         | <i>ALLMAN, Kenneth and LAW, Helen, Vol. 3</i>                    | Stephen Allman                     |
| PI 13           | <i>Jonathan &amp; Laura (JACKSON) ARNOLD Pictures</i>            |                                    |
| RF 144B         | <i>Vital Records Handbook</i>                                    | Sheri Pettit                       |
| RF 149          | <i>Sources</i>                                                   | Sheri Pettit                       |
| MI 72           | <i>All that Remains</i>                                          | Robert Pyle                        |
| MI 73           | <i>Inside Ireland</i>                                            | Raymond Wolfe, Jr.                 |
| MI 74           | <i>Love Murders</i>                                              |                                    |
| ML 179          | <i>Hidden Lineages DAR</i>                                       |                                    |
| ML 180          | <i>Gettysburg, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of</i> | Raymond Wolfe, Jr.                 |
| MA 90           | <i>Marshall Co., IN Marriages, 1882-1920 (partial)</i>           |                                    |
| MA 91           | <i>Jasper Co., MO Marriages, 1841-1854 (partial)</i>             |                                    |
| MA 52           | <i>Preston Co., WV Marriages, 1853-1860</i>                      | Roy Lockhart                       |
| LO 84B          | <i>Fiddler's Mill</i>                                            | Raymond Wolfe, Jr.                 |
| DE 3A           | <i>Preston County Deaths</i>                                     | Roy Lockhart                       |
| BR 2A           | <i>Preston County Births</i>                                     | Roy Lockhart                       |
| OS 51           | <i>Civil War Records - Frederick KUENZIE</i>                     | Walter Kinsey                      |
| FA 645          | <i>LYON's Tale</i>                                               | Raymond Wolfe, Jr.                 |
| FA 646          | <i>Family History Index</i>                                      | G. M. Mansfield                    |
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| FA 648          | <i>FLETCHER Family</i>                                           | Jeanette Bennett                   |
| FA 649          | <i>LIFE Family</i>                                               | Archie Bennett                     |
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## EARLY HISTORY OF THE CAR(R)UTHERS, CAROTHERS, CORATHERS FAMILY OF WV

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I was born on March 26, 1916, in Bull Town Hollow, an obscure narrow valley in north central Doddridge County, WV, and a branch of Nutters Fork which is a much longer and wider valley. I arrived without the services of a hospital; the closest one was in the city of Clarksburg about 32 miles to the east. There was not enough time for seeking such a medical facility. My mother, Lily, would have required a buggy ride to West Union, approximately 4.5 miles away, followed by a trip on the B&O Railroad to Clarksburg. I was demanding to make my entrance into daylight; there was no thought of such a long journey.

Mid-wifery was common in the Allegheny Plateau Region of western-northwestern WV but medical doctors were welcomed when available. I forgot to ask "Mom," my mother, if Dr. E. T. WHETZEL of West Union arrived before I did. Anyway, there were three women who came to assist Mom and me. How they knew to assemble on schedule to welcome my arrival remains a mystery. These ladies were Grandma Mary Jane MCKINNEY SMITH (Joseph, her sister, Florence MCKINNEY DICKEY (Mrs. Austin DICKEY), and Edna HYDE (Mrs. Ira HYDE). They were all experts in home deliveries and, barring severe complications, could handle a child's birth without flurry and strain. I do not remember details but I made my appearance. Because of my broad shoulders, the prediction among the assembled crowd was that I was likely to become a "tool dresser," a job reserved for a man with mighty shoulders and muscles who sharpened/shaped oil well drills/bits. You see, Bull Town Hollow and other nearby watersheds were in the midst of an oil-gas "boom." In later years I was told that oily water mixed with salt was flowing down Bull Town Run the day I arrived.

### Early Family History--My Father's Branch

I was the fourth child of five. There was Joseph Nay, 13 years my senior who was born March 28, 1903; he was followed by Luella Pearl, April 30, 1907, who was nine years older than I. Nay and Pearl were born on Mill Run, a tiny branch of Little Skin Creek, Lewis County, WV. Jessie Lee came on EARLY October 17, 1911, and was about 4.5 years ahead of me. Claris Neal made his appearance on September 1, 1919. Jessie, Neal, and I were all born in Bull Town Hollow, Doddridge County, WV. (Note: As of this writing, June 24, 1997, Neal and I are the only children who are living.)

I do not recall why I decided to carry "Edwin" or "Ed" as my main name; perhaps I was impressed with the fact that I was named in honor of my father's step-father, Phillip Edwin McNEMAR of Lewis County. You see, John W. CORATHERS, my grandfather, died on July 18, 1874 when my father and his twin sister, Martha, were only 16 days old. Grandma Eliza E. MARSH CORATHERS was left with eight children. (Three had already died.) The oldest, Andrew, was 15! I presume she was in need of a husband to help her. Well, Eliza and Phillip Edwin McNEMAR were married in 1875. Thus, Joseph L. ("Pop" to us five

children) and his seven brothers and sisters were secure in a home with a step-father. Edwin McNEMAR was 16 years younger than Eliza! Eliza bore four more children--McNEMARS.

My father and his brothers and sisters, along with Grandpa John W. and his brothers and sisters, used the rather odd spelling of the family name, i.e., **CORATHERS**. Thus, "Pop's" children, Nay, Pearl, Jessie, Neal, and I, were "branded with the same iron." I was questioned for many years, e.g., through Salem High School, two years in Salem College, on to the University of MI, and during my first post graduate positions. The pronunciation was CARO or CARU which did not fit the spelling. Therefore, after the years of listening to remarks/questions, sometimes irritating, I was pleased to discover information concerning Great Grandfather Col. John "Jack"/"Jackie" **CAROTHERS**, Jr. (September 8, 1788-April 29, 1872).

Col. John "Jack" G. **CAROTHERS** Jr., whose "common-law" wife was Nancy **WILSON**, probably sided with the Confederate States during the Civil War. I have four copies of his commissions in the VA Militia: Ensign, Feb. 1, 1808; Lieutenant, Dec. 29, 1809, Major, June 20, 1820, and, finally, Colonel, Mar. 2, 1833. John "Jack" was a participant as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812. He was stationed at Norfolk, VA, to help defend the coast. Also, I have a copy of his Survivor's Pension Certificate from the U.S. Department of the Interior dated January 9, 1872. (I must admit that this uses **CORATHERS** as the family name! Why? My guess is that he was old and did not initiate the pensioning process.) He was allocated only \$8.00 a month! He received few, if any, payments, as he died in April of that year. To conclude my thinking in regard to Col. "Jack's" siding with the Confederate States, he was apparently a loyal member of the VA Militia. Thus, I think he was sympathetic with the Confederacy but not a participating officer in the Confederate Army. Whereas, John W., his son, and other children sided with the Union. Further investigation is needed but my thought is that the Civil War, for one reason, brought a rift which caused John W. and others of "Jack's" family to adopt the spelling of **CORATHERS**. The second reason, I propose, for the change in spelling comes from the fact that Col. "Jack's" children were illegitimate. Remember Nancy **WILSON**? Col. John "Jack" and Nancy **WILSON** had seven children: John W., my grandfather, Sarah Ann, Henry, Mary Ellen, Nancy J., Amanda, and William. Sarah Ann played an important role in my mother's family heritage; she was my great grandmother, the wife of Isaac **SMITH** II. Their son, Joseph **SMITH**, my maternal grandfather, and, in turn, Lily **SMITH CORATHERS**, my mother, go back to Great Grandfather John "Jack" and Nancy **WILSON**. I have not been able to determine how Sarah Ann and Isaac **SMITH** II became acquainted and, later, married. I think they resided in the Nutters Fork Community. But, back to my second reason for changing the family's name to **CORATHERS** from **CAROTHERS** or **CARUTHERS**: "Jack's" and Nancy's seven children must have undergone severe criticism/ridicule as they grew up. To be a "bastard" even in Bull Town/Nutters Fork where I was raised denoted inferiority. Thus, I conclude that Col. John's children may have changed the spelling of the family name out of protest and/or anger. Further investigation is needed.

More enlightenment about the rift among the **CAROTHERS** members was apparent when Col. John "Jack" died. He was not buried in the family cemetery on Little Skin Creek but in a separate place; thus, even in death disagreement continued. Of course, he may have requested a lonely grave! To complete this separation story, during the 1970's the US Army Corps of Engineers took most of Skin Creek Valley for the Stonewall Jackson Reservoir. The cemetery mentioned, which was above the water line but with the access road under water, was given a new, high and dry road by the Corps. However, Col. John's body had to be moved. It was not taken to the family cemetery but was shifted to one in the village of Homer. Even here his grave was segregated; i. e., his body was placed in a

CORNER! His grave marker/stone indicates simply "JOHN CORATHERS," not **CAROTHERS** or **CARUTHERS**. The dates of his birth and death, rank in the VA Militia, and service in the War of 1812 are not shown, or were not when my wife and I visited that cemetery, as I recall, in August 1975. Maybe I am the descendent who should complete this task!

### **More Ancient History of the Family**

Let me go back further than Col. John "Jack:" I have a newspaper account, name of the paper is not at hand, dated January 27, 1980, with minor changes, is as follows:

"**CAR(R)UTHERS**. This Scottish place name was acquired from once having lived on the land of **CARRUTHERS** in Dumfriesshire where it was pronounced **CRIDDERS**. The meaning is not clear, but the first element is probably Old Norse **KJARR** (Copse wood, brushwood) or Gaelic **CAER** (rock, fort). The last element is likely a personal name.

"In the 13th Century a family of the name were stewards of Annandale under the Bruces. Thomas, son of John de (of) Carutherys, obtained a land grant in Musfald about 1320. Sir Nigel **KARRUTHERIS** (Note **KJARR** above), cleric of Rivel in 1330, became high chamberlin to King David II in 1340 and as Sir Nigel de **CAROTHER(s)** became chancellor of King Robert **STEWART** in 1344. Simon **CARRUTHERS**, parson of Middlebie, swore fealty to Edward I of England in 1381. The **CARRUTHERS** were labeled an "unruly clan" in 1587. (Why? Not clear.) "Simon **CARRUDERS** (**CARRUTHERS** ?) was noted in County Northumberland, England, and George **CARUTHERS** and Elizabeth **TILSTONE** obtained a marriage license in London in 1662.

"Burke's General Armory describes two different **CARRUTHERS** and a **CARUTHERS** Wade arms.

"John **CARUTHERS** was a headright in New Kent County, VA, in 1682. "Lieut. Andrew **CARUTHERS** of NC was in the American Revolutionary Army. "The 1790 Census lists the spellings as **CAROTHERS** in PA and as **CAR(R)UTHERS** in NC, SC, PA, and VA."

My father, Joseph L. **CORATHERS**, often said his family was "Scotch-Irish." I took that to mean the family came from Scotland with temporary residence in Ireland. (The US Census of 1850 shows that John "Jack" G. **CARUTHERS**, Jr., was born in Ireland in 1787; I have 1788.) I estimate that John G. **CARUTHERS**, Sr. and his family arrived in the US, Chesapeake Bay, about 1800-1802, maybe as late as 1805. Anyway, "Jack" married Ann **EVERITT**, Cecil County, MD, on April 29, 1806. This county is located at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay.

John G. **CARUTHERS**, Sr. and family settled on Crooked Run, Greene County, PA, about 1802-1803 (?). This county is in the extreme southwestern part of PA. He and his family reached Greene County by-way-of Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) and up the Monongahela River or by following the Potomac River to Cumberland, MD, then on to Morgantown and Fairmont, now WV.

John G. **CARUTHERS**, Sr., and family resettled on White Day Creek, Monongalia County, the area just south of Greene County, PA, and in the vicinity of Fairmont. "Jack" was living there when he received at least three of his four commissions in the VA Militia. However, he

moved south into Lewis County, Little Skin Creek Valley, south-southeast of Weston, before 1830; he and his family are recorded in the Lewis County Census for that year and under the spelling of **CARUTHERS**. I do not know whether John, Sr., moved to Lewis County. (Further research is suggested.) Also, "Jack's" son, John W. **CORATHERS** and his wife Eliza with their large family were living in the Little Skin Creek Valley by 1874 (probably much earlier), the year my father and his twin sister, Martha, were born.

A brief look at Eliza's history: She was born March 27, 1840, daughter of Rev. George I. **MARSH**, Sr. She died April 16, 1892. John W. was born January 3, 1831; deceased July 18, 1874, as mentioned previously. He was only 43.

I do not know the background of Nancy **WILSON**, "Jack's" common-law wife. His sisters were Margaret Jane, who married a Mr. **GRAY** from Ireland, Mrs. Andrew **JONES** and Mrs. Moses **KINKAID**; I do not have their first names. "Jack" had one brother, Andrew or Robert Andrew. John, Sr., and wife, Cathrine **McCAULEY** (she died Jan. 8, 1834) had another child, a girl, who died at sea as the family came to the US.

I have several paragraphs of manuscript in regard to John W.'s and Eliza's large family but will reduce my sentences for this report. However, let me say that I met four of them when I was a youngster. I have reported that John W. and Eliza used **CORATHERS** for their family name and have given two possible reasons for this. Briefly, there was 1) John Andrew "Andy," June 29, 1859-Sept. 3, 1927, who died of tuberculosis. 2) George H., May 2, 1881-March 22, 1926. 3) Robert G., Nov. 17, 1864-Oct. 18, 1865, who died as an infant. 4) Albert Marsh, July 21, 1872-May 26, 1956 or 1959. 5) Margaret M. "Aunt Mag," 1863-1943, who married John **STEWART**. 6) Mary Jane, Feb. 26, 1887-Oct. 20, 1878; she was only 11. My father was four years old that year. 7) Eva, March 2, 1869-Nov. 16, 1890. She married Joseph Edmund **HARDMAN** on October 30, 1889. 8) Martha, "Pop's" twin sister, July 2, 1874-March 15, 1892, married Nathan **HARDMAN** on that same date, October 30, 1889. Joseph Edmund and Nathan may have been brothers. Further investigation is needed. 9) James H. Feb. ?, 1860-June 6, 1860, who died as an infant. 10) another boy, name unknown to me, was born in 1866; died March 3, 1866 as a baby. Finally, 11) Joseph L., my father, July 2, 1874-April 12, 1947.

My immediate family, i.e., Joseph L. and Lily S. **CORATHERS**, moved from Mill Run-Little Skin Creek to Colorado about 1908. They returned to WV in or about 1910, and settled in Bull Town Hollow, branch of Nutters Fork, Doddridge County. This location was near "Mom's" parents, Joseph and Mary Jane **SMITH**. These maternal grandparents were very helpful in rearing the five of us children. The farm in Bull Town Hollow was only 50 acres, later 99 acres were added. Yet, in total we lived on what I now know as a "subsistence" farm. We had plenty to eat but luxuries were rare. Farming on steep hillsides is truly an "uphill" business! It is difficult, labor intensive, and unprofitable; roaming dogs like to kill sheep, one of the main cash enterprises. Yet, we children were able to attend schools, even far from WV. The three youngest of us, Jessie, Neal, and I, were active in 4-H Clubs and I was one of a team from Doddridge County and WV who won top honors in livestock judging, at the International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, 1931.

By now I have strayed from Lewis County and need to bring this manuscript to a close. I shall be glad to hear from other family members and/or friends, as I have many details which are not mentioned herein. Also, I am open for further information, even corrections. Grace and peace.



## WHO HAVE ENROLLED In Medical School

*The following list gives the names\* of the students who enrolled in the West Virginia University Medical School from 1902-1962. The year of entrance and the place of residence is also given. Addressees are all in West Virginia unless otherwise indicated. This is the second of partial listings which will continue until the list is completed.*

*\*The names listed are those used when the student registered.*

This list has been donated to Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants by **Mary Sleeth Creamer**, in memory of her father, **Clark Kendall Sleeth**. This list is not indexed in this issue.

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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Carroll, John L<br>1925<br>Wheeling       | Caudy, Daniel G<br>1919<br>Camden-on-Gauley  | Chapman, David A<br>1959<br>Mt. Hope      |
| Carroll, Robert M<br>1961<br>Westport, CT | Cavender, Jerill D<br>1948<br>Charleston     | Chenoweth, Perthas C<br>1923<br>Wendel    |
| Carter, John M<br>1937<br>Mt. Hope        | Chafin, William J<br>1930<br>Matewan         | Chestnut, John L<br>1934<br>Marlinton     |
| Carter, Thomas E<br>1960<br>Bluefield     | Chamberlain, Robert L<br>1942<br>Parkersburg | Chex, Anthony W<br>1905<br>Morgantown     |
| Carusa, Pietro<br>1929<br>Clarksburg      | Chambers, Beverly N<br>1954<br>Valleyfork    | Chiavetta, John<br>1930<br>Pittsburgh, PA |
| Cashman, Harold H<br>1939<br>Morgantown   | Chambers, George S<br>1953<br>Logan          | Chikos, Paul M., Jr.<br>1962<br>Logan     |
| Casto, Charles C<br>1913<br>Spencer       | Chandler, Flavius C<br>1925<br>Frame         | Chokatos, John N<br>1960<br>Clarksburg    |
| Cather, Carl H, Jr.<br>1948<br>Morgantown | Chapman, Charles E<br>1929<br>Sutton         | Christian, Ezra L<br>1924<br>Huntington   |



Christian, James L  
1929  
Galt, CA

Christian, William E., Jr.  
1962  
Huntington

Chun Ming, Archie  
1928  
Honolulu, HI

Ciccarelli, Harold E  
1950  
Chester

Cipolloni, Patsy B., Jr.  
1962  
Masontown

Clampham, Roger E  
1918  
Martinsburg

Clark, Alva B  
1919  
Bramwell

Clark, David S  
1947  
Huntington

Clark, Francis A  
1924  
Charleston

Clark, Kenneth L  
1946  
Charleston

Clark, Robert D  
1923  
Surveyor

Cleavenger, George W  
1934  
Clarksburg

Clubb, Elmore, M  
1938  
Clarksburg

Cochran, Robert B  
1939  
New Cumberland

Coen, Elwood  
1906  
St. Marys

Cofer, Richard S., Jr.  
1944  
Norfolk, VA

Coffey, David H  
1932  
Baden, PA

Coffield, Elmond Lemoyne  
1943  
Morgantown

Coffield, Oren Terrell  
1940  
Morgantown

Coffindaffer, Taylor E  
1938  
Shinnston

Coffman, Harry F  
1909  
Cumberland, MD

Cohen, Arthur  
1920  
Pittsburgh, PA

Cokeley, John M  
1951  
Morgantown

Coleman, Charles B  
1927  
Pratt

Coleman, Lowell T  
1954  
Ansted

Coleman, Theodore  
1924  
Huntington

Coles, James G  
1909

Coll, Jose D  
1935  
Dominican Republic

Colla, Joseph  
1921  
Youngstown, OH

Collins, Haydn B  
1949  
Morgantown

Compton, Alfred F  
1912  
Moundsville

Compton, John W  
1942  
Ronceverte

Comunale, Anthony R  
1924  
Iselin, NJ

Conaway, Don L  
1961  
Uniontown, PA

Condry, John C  
1934  
Clarksburg

Conley, William G, III  
1956  
Charleston

Conn, Clyde W  
1903  
Smithfield, PA

Conn, Lee R M  
1944  
Blacksville

Conner, Joseph A  
1915  
Moundsville

Connolly, Ira, Jr.  
1946  
Parkersburg

Connolly, Thomas H  
1929  
Pittsburgh, PA

Conti, Anthony  
1925  
Youngstown, OH

Conti, Martin E  
1929  
Fairmont

Coogle, John J  
1946  
Rivesville

Coogle, William L  
1903  
Rivesville

Cook, Fred W., Jr.  
1941  
Follansbee

Cooke, Charles R  
1950  
Oak Hill

Cooley, Frederick M  
1958  
Nitro

Coombs, Forrest P  
1913  
Morgantown

Cooper, Everett R  
1908  
Troy

Cooper, Reginald R  
1951  
Dry Fork

Coplin, Robert W  
1933  
Elizabeth

Coram, James M  
1931  
St. Marys

Corbin, Eileen V  
1935  
Grafton

Corbin, Emmett A  
1903  
Ellenboro

Corbin, John E  
1903  
Good Hope

Coscia, Enrico G C  
1923  
Pittsburgh, PA

Cosmides, Maritsa P  
1962  
Wheeling

Costanzo, Vincent A  
1933  
Wheeling

Cottle, Samuel W  
1921  
Spencer

Cottrall, Jack T  
1924  
Prestonburg, KY

Counts, Edward F., Jr.  
1943  
Charleston

Cowan, Robert C., Jr.  
1946  
Morgantown

Cowell, William E  
1947  
Morgantown

Cox, Boaz B  
1902  
Morgantown

Cox, Ralph L  
1925  
New Salem, PA

Coyner, John L  
1955  
Marlinton

Coyner, Martha J  
1947  
Buckhannon

Crabtree, William V  
1946  
Wellsburg

Craft, Gary C  
1962  
Ranger

Crago, Felix H  
1931  
Wheeling

Craig, Joseph S  
1909  
Hookersville

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Crandall, Charles D<br>1922<br>Parkersburg                             | Cunningham, Robert S<br>1928<br>Wheeling         | Dailey, Robert W., Jr.<br>1957<br>Romney      |
| Craver, Bill L<br>1937<br>Martins Ferry, OH                            | Curnutte, Larry M<br>1961<br>Kenova              | Daniel, Charles Richard<br>1952<br>Beckley    |
| Craycraft, Larry B<br>1959<br>Kenova                                   | Currence, William W<br>1938<br>Clarksburg        | Daniel, Ross P<br>1920<br>Marshes             |
| Crimm, Carl E<br>1952<br>Clarksburg                                    | Current, Howard W<br>1920<br>Thornton            | Daniels, Willard F<br>1924<br>Elkins          |
| Crites, John L<br>1939<br>Charleston                                   | Curry, George A<br>1941<br>White Sulphur Springs | Danielson, Carl L<br>1927<br>Sheffield, PA    |
| Cronen, Michael R<br>1937<br>Morgantown                                | Curry, Michael B<br>1960<br>Logan                | Daugherty, John E<br>1920<br>Elkins           |
| Crutchley, William F<br>1955<br>Clarksburg                             | Curry, Raymond H<br>1922<br>Hamlin               | Davia, James<br>1925<br>Monongah              |
| Crynock, Peter D<br>1929<br>Pursglove                                  | Curry, William L<br>1957<br>Barboursville        | David, Merle B<br>1947<br>Fairmont            |
| Cummings, Melville H.,<br>Jr., 1940<br>Williamstown                    | Curry, Wyson J<br>1943<br>Montgomery             | Davidov, Natthan J<br>1916<br>Keystone        |
| Cunningham, Charles E.,<br>Jr., 1933, Morgantown<br>(became a dentist) | Cutlip, Basil D., Jr.<br>1958<br>Webster Springs | Davidse, Joseph C<br>1932<br>Wheeling         |
| Cunningham, Donald E<br>1949<br>St. Albans                             | Cutright, Theodore<br>1928<br>Lyndon, OH         | Davis, Albert J., Jr.<br>1944<br>Danville, VA |
| Cunningham, George N<br>1923<br>Wheeling                               | D'Agostino, George L<br>1931<br>Morgantown       | Davis, C Nelson<br>1928<br>Shenandoah, PA     |

Davis, Charles J., Jr.  
1949  
Nitro

Davis, Charles L  
1923  
Smithton

Davis, Delroy D  
1939  
Kingwood

Davis, Edwin D  
1949  
Clendenin

Davis, Harry E., II  
1962  
Milton

Davis, Okey R  
1903  
Mannington

Davis, Preston C  
1945  
Morgantown

Davis, William B  
1918  
Princeton

Davisson, Claude R  
1932  
Mt. Clare

Dawson, Robert L  
1957  
Morgantown

Dawson, Wallace L  
1957  
Kingwood

Dawson, William S., Jr.  
1957  
Logan

Day, James F  
1948  
Wheeling

Deane, Harold W  
1934, Morgantown  
(became a jeweler)

DeAngelis, Anthony M  
1930  
Morgantown

DeAngelis, Carmelo E  
1930  
Morgantown

DeAngelis, Eugene  
1933  
Morgantown

Deardorff, William A  
1952  
Charleston

Dearman, Alfred  
1917  
Reedy

Deeley, Thomas H  
1930  
E Rockaway, NY

Deem, John R  
1953  
Clarksburg

Deem, Thomas R  
1944  
Parkersburg

DeForest, Clayce R  
1915  
Clarksburg

DeLorenzo, Angeline  
1945  
Fairmont

Demarest, J Willis  
1922  
Hackensack, NJ

Demas, Peter W  
1927  
Morgantown

Dent, Charles F  
1936  
Morgantown

DePue, Harold F  
1918  
Spencer

DePue, James M  
1927  
Morgantown

Dewhurst, William H  
1950  
Huntington

Diamond, Oscar K  
1932  
New York, NY

Diaz, Carlos, J H  
1925  
Monati, PR

Dickenson, Donald C  
1958  
Princeton

Dickerson, Kenneth L  
1952  
Ravenswood

Dickerson, Leon A  
1931  
Scarbro

Dilley, Charles K  
1937  
Huntersville

Dinsmore, Harold P  
1957  
Hedgesville

Divita, Eugene C  
1953  
Montgomery

Diznoff, Sanford B  
1962  
Charleston

Dobbs, Frederick H  
1929  
Wheeling

Dobbs, Frederick, H., II  
1959  
Charleston

Dobbs, Lee F  
1932  
Wheeling

Doboy, Joseph G  
1945  
Morgantown

Dodrill, R Moore  
1941  
Welch

Dolen, David J  
1921  
New York, NY

Dollison, James R  
1961  
Fairmont

Donahoe, Dorval H  
1959  
Chapmanville

Donell, Nevea I  
1944  
Weirton

Dorsey, Eugene R  
1961  
Huntington

Dorsey, John B  
1962  
Beckley

Dorsey, Nellie R  
1953  
Holcomb

Dorsey, Wesley F  
1919  
Mt. Lookout

Dotson, Samuel C  
1935  
Moundsville

Dotson, Thomas O  
1960  
Summersville

Douglass, Edwin H  
1926  
Petroleum

Douthat, Rudenz T  
1950  
Huntington

Dowling, Carl L  
1926  
Wellsville, OH

Doyle, John E  
1932  
Greenwood

Draa, Cecil C  
1926  
Stanford, FL

Drake, Lesley G  
1913  
Davis

Draper, Harry R., Jr.  
1940  
Rainelle

Drasnin, Ronald  
1956  
Charleston

Dreier, Joseph F  
1930  
Nanticoke, PA

Dreyer, Carl A  
1928  
Toldeo, OH

Duchin, Maurice S  
1925  
Cambridge, MA

Duff, Wirt W  
1924  
Charleston

Duffy, Raymond J  
1928  
Wheeling

Dugan, Thomas M  
1957  
S. Charleston

Duling, Milton S  
1916  
Morgantown

Dull, John R  
1918  
Glade, PA

Dumlao, Ramon C  
1930  
Camiling Tarlac, PI

Dunbar, Willo V  
1939  
Gauley Bridge

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Duncan, George A<br>1924<br>Clarksburg        | Dutton, Harold H<br>1930<br>Huntington    | Echols, William J<br>1960<br>Richwood      |
| Duncan, Harry L<br>1924<br>Moundsville        | Dworkin, Martin<br>1928<br>Cleveland, OH  | Eckert, Julia P<br>1934<br>Morgantown      |
| Duncan, Laurance L<br>1949<br>Charleston      | Dye, Robert A<br>1952<br>Morgantown       | Eckley, George M., Jr.<br>1940<br>Beckley  |
| Dunham, Robert W<br>1903<br>Belington         | Dyer, Allen M., Jr.<br>1934<br>Philippi   | Edgar, Anne D<br>1934<br>Marlinton         |
| Dunlap, Claude<br>1926<br>Charleston          | Dyer, Newman A<br>1948<br>Charleston      | Edman, Clare D<br>1961<br>Buckhannon       |
| Dunlap, Frank E<br>1952<br>St. Albans         | Dyer, Newman H<br>1922<br>Morgantown      | Edmiston, John M<br>1941<br>Buckhannon     |
| Dunn, Amos<br>1926<br>Richwood                | Eachenmann, Ethel L<br>1962<br>Clarksburg | Edmondson, Richard E<br>1933<br>Morgantown |
| Dunsmoor, Lyle H<br>1949<br>Parkersburg       | Eads, Charles H<br>1927<br>Mt. Carbon     | Edwards, James E<br>1951<br>Montgomery     |
| DuPuy, Elbert N<br>1926<br>Beckley            | Eakle, Hoy E<br>1939<br>Tesla             | Erlich, Harry<br>1930<br>Brooklyn, NY      |
| DuPuy, Samuel S<br>1934<br>Beckley            | Eakle, John C<br>1928<br>Sutton           | Eicks, Paul M<br>1922<br>Belmar, NJ        |
| Durant, Francis C<br>1926<br>New Martinsville | Earnest, William H<br>1924<br>Export, PA  | Elliott, Alice W<br>1930<br>Youngstown, OH |
| Durkin, Walter<br>1928<br>Fairmont            | Easley, Jesse W<br>1926<br>Van            | Ellis, Ralph G<br>1933<br>Ellsworth, PA    |

Ellis, Wellington C  
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England, Welch  
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Engle, Richard B  
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Englehart, Charles C  
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Pittsburgh, PA

English, Kinsey O  
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Freeport, OH

Eskey, Chester W  
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Wheeling

Evans, Eugene R  
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Evans, Harold P  
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Cameron

Evans, James M  
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Morgantown

Evans, Nicholas G  
1959  
Clarksburg

Everhart, Lysle R  
1918  
Keyser

Fabian, Louis A  
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Fahey, Martin M  
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Falls, Orr  
1916  
Diagonal, IA

Farley, Charles R  
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Huntington

Farmer, Donald E  
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Farnsworth, Dana L  
1929  
Coxs Mills

Fassberg, Florence  
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Pittsburgh, PA

Fearnow, Ronald G  
1955  
Charles Town

Feinberg, Nathan B  
1921  
New York, NY

Felder, Edward A  
1944  
Norwich, CN

Felton, Harold W  
1950  
Rowlesburg

Fender, Bill N  
1953  
Bramwell

Fenton, Clement C  
1920  
Cambridge

Ferderber, Maurice  
(Murray) 1928  
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Ferguson, Joseph A  
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Huntington

Ferguson, Joseph H  
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Cottageville

Ferguson, Samuel J  
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Wayne

Fernandez, Garcia E  
1910  
Mayaguez, P R

Ferrara, Emil J  
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Morgantown

Ferrara, Louis  
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Ferrera, Richard  
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Morgantown

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| Ferrera, Virginia M<br>1936<br>Morgantown     | Field, Boyce M<br>1927<br>Morgantown      | Fineman, Joseph E<br>1950<br>Chester           |
| Ferrell, Jimmy L<br>1954<br>Kenova            | Field, George F<br>1931<br>Kingwood       | Fink, Emanuel E<br>1914<br>Chicago, IL         |
| Ferrell, Robert L<br>1961<br>Clarksburg       | Fields, William R<br>1961<br>Huntington   | Fisher, Abraham<br>1918<br>Canton, OH          |
| Ferrell, Robert M<br>1934<br>Ronceverte       | Figueroa, Libro<br>1919<br>Humacao, PR    | Fisher, Alexander S<br>1929<br>E Liverpool, OH |
| Ferris, John Y<br>1932<br>Moundsville         | Fike, Robert H<br>1952<br>Morgantown      | Fisher, Earl L<br>1931<br>Gassaway             |
| Fiandaca, Patsy M<br>1933<br>Mt. Pleasant, PA | Fike, Vernetta E<br>1943<br>Clarksburg    | Fisher, Gilbert F., Jr.<br>1956<br>Huntington  |
| Fidler, Kemp A<br>1923<br>Tioga               | Findley, Harry L<br>1933<br>Flemington    | Fisher, Hobart H<br>1931<br>Dunbar             |
| Fidler, Robert Y<br>1957<br>Belle             | Finegold, Abraham<br>1920<br>Carnegie, PA | Fisher, Ralph M<br>1927<br>Weston              |

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## Snippets from *The Weston Democrat* of Yesteryear

Feb. 11, 1888 - John W. **HALL** was reinstated in his old position as lamp lighter by the council at their last meeting and his salary fixed at \$1 50 per year.

Feb. 18, 1888 - For Rent: Mrs. Mary **EDMISTON** offers for rent her two story frame dwelling house at Jacksonville. Good garden and stabling. Also for rent a good Store Room on adjacent lot. Fine location for physician and drug store.

Feb. 18, 1888 - Mr. Jacob **MINNICH** and wife who moved to California a few months ago returned to Weston on Thursday to remain permanently.

March 3, 1888 - Mr. E. R. **WATSON** of Roanoke started on Monday morning for the west where he intends to locate permanently.



# EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

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An Old Citizen

Relates an Interesting Story of the Town and  
Recalls Many incidents and Events  
of By Gone Happy Days

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Weston Democrat, Saturday, April 9, 1892

TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

*Written for the Democrat*

It will be remembered by the older citizens, and also by the students of history that during the year 1837 the United States was visited by one of the most gigantic financial panics that the country had ever experienced. All kinds of business became prostrated and but few of the largest and wealthiest firms were able to withstand the great financial storm. All public improvements were suspended and the panic continued to sweep over the whole country like a beacon of destruction for several years. It was while this state of things was in operation that a few Irishmen seeking employment in order to support themselves, heard of the building of the Turnpike road from Weston, in Lewis county, to Parkersburg, in Wood county, Va., a distance of eighty-four miles, and came here. Those having families brought them along. They obtained work while it lasted, which was but for a very short time. When the work was completed the men had but little money and no employment. It was then that a party of gentlemen from

Weston and Clarksburg, who owned a large territory of wild land situated on Sand Fork, a branch of the Little Kanawha River, suggested to them the propriety of locating on these lands and making to them the liberal offer of locating as much of the land as they wished and paying \_\_\_\_\_. The offer was accepted and the following named gentlemen went on the land: John HAYDEN, Thomas WHITE, John MCLAUGHLIN and Michael, his brother; Michael COPELY and Patrick, his brother; Patrick HART, James MULLADY and Thomas, his brother; Thomas HART and Anthony, his brother; William MURPHY, and Joseph HALL, who was an Englishman, but who married an Irish lady, a sister of Messrs. Hart.

It would be very hard for one to imagine what their feelings and sensations were -men who had been born and raised in a country like old Ireland is represented to be, going into what you might say was an unbroken wilderness, surrounded by mountains, hills and the primeval forests, with ravines and very narrow valleys, but producing the finest of timber of various kinds and the purest of water; a virgin soil which, when cleared and properly cultivated, would yield such bountiful crops as would gladden the hearts and handsomely repay them for their toil, hardships and anxiety. They selected their locations and went to work like brave and industrious men, as they were, to chip the logs with which to build their cabins. By dint of industry and perseverance they soon had a shelter for themselves and families. They moved into their new homes, and then went to work to make the grubs fly and to fell the giant oaks, of which they made rails to fence the cornfields and potato patch. While the father was grubbing and mauling the rails the mother and children were piling, raking

and burning the brush. In this new business of taking out the grubs the experience in handling the pick which they had acquired while working on public works stood them well in hand. In a short time they begun to get a little stock around them, such as a cow and calf, a pig or two, and further along a few head of sheep and some fowls. One great advantage that they had was a fine range for their stock. The young nettles and native grasses afforded them all the pasturage that they required and kept their stock in good condition. After working their horse all day all they had to do was to feed him at night, put a bell around his neck and let him go; and in the morning when they would want the horse the bell would very soon let them know where to find him. It was the same way with their cows; bells were in great demand at that day.

As soon as the crop was planted and things were put in as good shape as circumstances would admit, the men would start out to look for work and leave their wives and children to work the corn and hoe the potatoes. As they had to have provisions, such as flour and bacon, the men would work for the more wealthy farmers who had such things as they wanted. They were paid at the rate of fifty cents a day and board. One bushel of wheat was given for a day's work, or two bushels of corn, or eight pounds of bacon. Wheat sold for fifty cents a bushel, corn for twenty-five cents and bacon for six and one-fourth cents per pound. They would take a contract to clear a certain number of acres of ground for some farmer and take in exchange a cow, a brood sow, sheep, and sometimes a two-year old colt, just as the case might be.

When there was any work going on anywhere in the county where they could get money for their work they were always ready to engage themselves, such as sinking wells, mining coal and quarrying stone. They were all very expert at those kinds of works. When the weather began to get cold in the fall they would return to their homes, cut their corn, dig their potatoes (of which they generally raised a good supply) and when the corn was husked and cribbed and the potatoes buried, they then began a new clearing for the next corn crop. In this way they worked along as best they could, persevering, hoping and praying that times might get better, never for a moment becoming discouraged, but hoping on and hoping ever. And as is always the case with such determined men as they were, their efforts were crowned with success. I will say that the wives of these pioneers were worthy helpmates, for a more heroic self-sacrificing and industrious set of women never lived then were the wives of the early pioneers of the Sand Fork of the Little Kanawha. I was personally acquainted with every one of the first settlers of the Sand Fork and worked with the most of them at different times; and while they, as a class, did not possess much book-learning, they were men that possessed a vast amount of experience of men and things generally. Having traveled and worked in most of the States that then composed the Union, they had gathered a great amount of knowledge that was very useful to them in their new vocation. I learned some very valuable lessons from hearing those men discussing their various experiences in their travels both in the old and new countries. They were emigrants, unlike the emigrants of today; they came to this country with the intention of making this their permanent home and

one of the first things that they did after landing was to declare their intention to become citizens of the United States, so that they might participate in and enjoy all the privileges of citizens and become thoroughly Americanized and erect for themselves homes that they could call their own, where they could raise their children and give them the benefit of such an education as their means would afford. They have succeeded, no doubt, far beyond their most sanguine expectations.

They went into the wilderness not as Caesar entered the city with all the appliances of war, and when he had conquered and slain thousands wrote home, "I came, I saw, I conquered;" They laid siege to the forest with the \_\_\_\_\_ husbandry and after years of toil, perseverance and privation, they can say as did Caesar, "We came, we saw, we conquered." They conquered the wilderness in a peaceable and quiet way and made it to bloom and blossom as they rose, so to speak.

I think I am safe in saying that not one of the original settlers of Sand Fork ever sold out or left the home they had made for themselves; and I am satisfied that they venerated Maj. Minter BAILEY, Squire Weeden HOFFMAN, G. D. and R. P. CAMDEN who the gentlemen suggested and advised them to locate where they did. There were some drawbacks with which they had to contend, which fact, no doubt, gave them a great deal of anxiety. They had no minister to advise to cheer and attend to their spiritual wants; and to a people who are so devoutly attached to their Church and religion as the Catholics are, it would, and I am satisfied was, a great anxiety. But they were encouraged, no doubt in that as they were in the betterment of the

times; they could see in the distance and not very far in the distance when there would be a change for the better, as well for their spiritual as their temporal wants, and learned to possess their souls in patience. I shall have occasion to speak of the Sand Fork again as I pass along from year to year.

As I have concluded to give a short sketch of the farmers of Lewis County, I will now commence with Jacob BUTCHER, who owned and resided on the farm on the west side of the West Fork river, opposite the town. Mr. BUTCHER was a man well advance in years, being a son of one of the first settlers of what is now Lewis county. He, himself, could remember when the town was first located. He was a man who had in common with all the farmers sons of that time, received a very limited education, but was a man of fine natural ability, possessing a great discriminating power. He was a fine judge of human nature, had an excellent memory, could remember and relate all of the happenings and doings that took place in this part of the country from the time when he was eight year old - a great many things that were very interesting, instructive and amusing. I have had the pleasure of listening to the old gentleman relate some very interesting reminiscences of his early days along the West Fork. He was a man that attended strictly to his own business to the entire exclusion of everybody else's, possessing a fine, valuable and productive farm with all the stock of every kind that he wanted. He lived a very easy and independent life; a man approachable by his fellowmen at all times and having it in his power to assist his neighbor when ever called upon, he never was known to fail, never turning a deaf ear to the appeals of the needy or unfortunate. He was a good, honest and upright

citizen, a faithful husband, a kind father and a faithful friend.

Henry **FLESHER** owned and occupied a part of the farm on which the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane is located. Mr. **FLESHER** was the son of one of the first settlers of this neighborhood. His ancestors had taken part in helping to expel the red men for this part of the country. He was a man of little or no education, so far as books were concerned, but a man of a powerful native intellect; was a profound thinker, a man that did not mingle much with his fellowmen, but spent his time in communing with nature and her surroundings. Having inherited from his ancestors a nice and valuable property he, by great industry, economy and perseverance, added greatly to his possessions; was one of the neatest and most particular farmers there was in this country. He was a good, quiet and peaceable citizen, a kind, generous and accommodating neighbor.

Next comes James **TURNER**, Sr., who resided on the West Fork, about one mile South of town, on the farm now owned by Mr. Thos. **COX**. Mr. **TURNER** was the only stone and brick mason there was in this county up to 1844, he and his three sons, George, Jackson, James M. Jr., laid up all the brick houses that were built in what is now Lewis, Braxton and Gilmer counties. He was a good mechanic for his time and taught his three sons the trade, who all became expert workmen. Mr. **TURNER** was a firm, good natured citizen, raised a large family of sons and daughters; a good husband, a kind father and an accommodating neighbor.

Michael **FISHER** owned a farm on the waters of Murphy's creek, a branch of the West Fork. Mr. **FISHER** was of German descent, well advanced in

years, one of the early pioneers of the county; was a good industrious and peaceable citizen, raised a large family of children.

An Old Citizen

*(To be continued)*

Weston Democrat June 25, 1887

Married on Thursday, at 10 o'clock a.m. by Rev. Father **TRACY**, Mr. Jonathan M. **BENNETT** Jr. And Miss Mary Ellen **LYDEN**. Attendant: Mr. Luke **LYNCH** and Miss Mary **LYDEN**. After the ceremony the party started to visit the parents of the bride on Fink's Creek.

Weston Democrat Jan. 12, 1889

#### AN APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The many friends and admirers throughout the state of Louis **BENNETT** Esq. will be pleased in turn to learn that on Wednesday, January 16, he will be married to Miss Sallie Maxwell, one of Wheeling's most fascinating young ladies.

Mr. Bennett who has just efficiently served eight years as Prosecuting Attorney of our county is one of the most prominent members of our bar, and is exceedingly popular in social circles. After spending a few weeks in the east they will return to Weston where they will reside and where his bride will be a welcome and valued addition to our society. In advance of his marriage the Democrat as the exponent of his host of friends here extends to him the congratulations.

Weston Democrat February 26, 1887

Prof. G. C. **HINZMAN** and Miss Avis **REGER** joined the disciples of Hymen on 17th instant, Rev. **BARNETT** officiating. May their joys be as deep as the ocean, their sorrows as light as the foam, and all their troubles "little ones" is the wish.



# LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS

THE IMPORTANCE OF VERIFYING  
YOUR INFORMATION

By *Linda Brake Meyers*

If anyone had told me that I would be the historian in the family and would spend years of my life tracing the steps of my ancestors, I would have laughed and told them they were crazy. But, here I am doing just that. I had always been told that my father's great grandmother was a blood aunt to Stonewall JACKSON, but that was about all I really knew about my father's background. My interest in my West Virginia heritage really began in 1989 after a visit to Buckhannon, West Virginia, to attend a CRISLIP reunion. I knew that my father's family had come from West Virginia and that his maternal great grandmother, Mary Victoria Anderson CRISLIP MCCLAIN had been taken back home to West Virginia for burial in the 1930's. I wanted to find her grave. I did find her grave that weekend and also that of my great-grandfather, Alvin CRISLIP, who had died in 1872. But I found more...those West Virginia hills were chucked full of my history. I was hooked. I wanted to know more...and more...and more!

I was eager to learn all I could about Victoria and Alvin's family. Marjorie HERRING had already recorded much of the CRISLIP history, but little was known about the ANDERSONS. So I began. I learned that Victoria was the 12<sup>th</sup> child of James and Sarah SIRON ANDERSON. And, eventually, I was able to put together their family and start on the preceding generation. I soon learned that James had several siblings. One of these was Andrew. Marjorie HERRING, in her CRISLIP research, had been sent a nice letter written by Rev. J. H. ANDERSON, Erie Pa. I don't know who sent it to Marjorie because I failed to record that information. ☹ Rev. ANDERSON was a cousin to Mary Victoria. Read what he had to say: (note I have underlined some "key" phrases)

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

"About the close of the Revolutionary War, Joseph ANDERSON came from Ireland to Rickinham (sic) County, Virginia and married Hannah McCLUREC. They were the parents of six boys: Andrew, William, Samuel (sic), George, James and John. Andrew married and moved to Volga, West Virginia. He was the father of a number of children; most of whom died at Volga of Cholera, but one named Margaret went to Missouri and married a man named TRUMAN. They had a son whom they named Anderson TRUMAN, who was the father of Harry S. TRUMAN, the president of the U.S. James ANDERSON moved to Walkersville, W. Va. and became the father of six boys and six girls. The youngest girl was named Victoria, who married Albert CRISLIP. Two

children were born to them: Sarah and Alice. Sarah married Joseph HEATON who is the father of Marvin and Kermit HEATON. Thus, the ANDERSONS and HEATONS are distant relatives to the President of the U. S. This information was obtained from Rev. J. H. ANDERSON, the great grandson of Joseph ANDERSON. Said ANDERSON now lives in Erie, Penna. And has photostatic copies of documents from which the above was taken."

Very sincerely yours.

Rev. J. H. ANDERSON  
Erie, Pa.

March 11, 1949

Exciting! Yes! Not only were we related to Stonewall JACKSON, we were 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins twice removed from Harry TRUMAN, the President, WOW! Reverend ANDERSON'S story sounds valid, doesn't it? Let's see!

1. We've learned that Joseph ANDERSON was born before 1765 but probably in Pennsylvania. And, it is believed that his father, Samuel was the one who immigrated from Ireland around 1750. (*Parentage: Mifflin County Pennsylvania Indenture dated 7 April 1807; heirs of Samuel and Martha ANDERSON*) Joseph ANDERSON left Pennsylvania (not Ireland) after the Revolutionary War and settled in Rockingham County, VA. (*Census, also notes from previous researchers of other family members who interviewed children of Joseph, one family history gives 1801 as the date of arrival in Rockingham County.*) John and James both told census takers in 1880 that their father was born in Pennsylvania.
2. A marriage for Joseph and Hannah McCLURE has never been found. This is the tradition in the family. It is likely they were married in Pennsylvania before going to Virginia.
3. Documentation has determined that Joseph was the father of at least 5 boys and 4 girls. Andrew, Samuel, William, James and John, Susanna, Martha, Margaret and Hannah. There is a George floating around that area in Virginia, but I have not been able to prove his parentage.
4. Andrew seems to be the oldest. He married Eliza McWILLIAMS and they relocated in Barbour County, West Virginia, where in 1850 they are living with children: Mary, Martha, Lydia, John, Elizabeth, Maria, and John McWILLIAMS, Eliza's father. WHERE IS MARGARET?
5. This family is NOT in the 1870 census, SO I ASSUMED that they had all died of cholera and were buried near Volga. Except MARGARET, and she probably was in Missouri before 1860? OR WAS SHE?

See what TRUMAN history tells us: (*Truman*, by David McCullough, Simon and Schuster, 1992.) Anderson Shipp (Shippe) TRUMAN b. 1816, came to Missouri on horseback in 1846 from Shelby County, Tennessee, east of Louisville. He was the son of William TRUMAN who came from Kentucky ca. 1800. Anderson m. Mary Jane HOLMES, daughter of Nancy Tyler HOLMES and had a son; John Anderson TRUMAN, who married Mattie

**YOUNG**, 28 Dec. 1881 in Missouri. Their first son was Harry S. **TRUMAN**, b. 8 May 1884. **NO MARGARET ANDERSON! Blows that theory right out of the water!**

6. Now, we have Andrew and his family, all dead! Right? Well, along comes Julie **MATTHEWS** to the HCPD-L list (Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants). She is searching for the parents of Martha Ann **ANDERSON PETERSON**, who was born in Augusta County, Virginia. Martha Ann fits the age bracket for Andrew's Martha. Julie's Martha married Jesse L. **PETERSON** in Lewis County, Virginia in 1854. They are living there is 1860 with four daughters, Annie, Margaret (there's that name again), Annette, and Sarah E. And guess who else? A domestic named Elizabeth **ANDERSON**, age 21, b. Virginia. She is the age that Andrew's Elizabeth would have been in 1860. And, guess where this Peterson family migrated to in the early 1870's? - Sullivan County, Missouri (there's that Missouri). Julie had been told that **MARTHA'S PARENTS** died of cholera, so her story differs a bit from mine. Julie also believes that another sister, Mary, survived. She is known to the family as "Aunt Mollie **DEVERS**" and is buried in Humphreys, Missouri, Cemetery, b. 9 Aug. 1829 and d. 4 Feb. 1908. Mary was 21 in the 1850 Barbour census and that would give her birth as 1829. Julie's cousin lists Addie **FULLER** as a sister to Mary, Martha and Elizabeth. Could Addie be a nickname for Lydia? Nothing is known yet about Maria who was 6 in 1850. John is said to have listed in the Civil War and was never heard from again. **WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MARGARET!**

So, what is to be said of legends and traditions? There is probably a grain of truth in most of them. Don't toss them aside. Use them, dissect them, and prove them! Who knows - your legend just may be right!

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*The Webster Echo*

*January 23, 1985*

#### CIVIL WAR RELIC

### Sword Abandoned After The Fall Of Richmond, Restored To Owner

A recent issue of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (January 25, 1907) contains an interesting account of the recovery by Hon. W.G. **BENNETT** of West Virginia, a member of the Cadet battalion during the Civil War, of a sword which he wore as a cadet sergeant.

"Old V.M.I. boys scattered all over the South, and world, for that matter, will be interested in reading of how a sergeant of the battalion of Cadets from the West Point of the Confederacy is about to recover the sword he lost in the closing days of the war.

"The ex-sergeant who is about to recover this insignia of authority discarded when fleetness of foot was a thing more to be desired than gold lace and swords, or even guns, is Judge W. G. **BENNETT**, of West Virginia, a distinguished son of Hon. J. M. **BENNETT**, who was for many years auditor of public accounts of the State of Virginia, a position he held during the war between the states. Judge **BENNETT** was a member of the Cadet Battalion which made the memorable charge at the battle of New Market, winning undying fame for the participants and their alma mater. He was a sergeant during the time the Cadets served in the trenches around Richmond, when their barracks were in the city almshouse.

"Sergeant **BENNETT** was in the breastworks when Richmond was evacuated, and in choosing a way of leaving the doomed city, where every man was engaged in taking care of himself and leaving to the devil the duty of looking out for the hindmost, Sergeant **BENNETT** made his way to Lynchburg, and thence to Natural Bridge, about 40 miles up the James from Lynchburg to the home of Mrs. Jane **MOFFATT**, at Stone Castle, now the residence of Mrs. John **WHITMORE**. Sergeant **BENNETT** found his Cadet sword troublesome, and in the way generally, so when he took his departure from Stone Castle, he left the sword with the family, asking them to take care of it until he returned.

"Judge **BENNETT** was a very busy man in the years immediately succeeding the war, practicing his profession, taking a hand in political struggles of these days, and looking after extensive interests devolving upon him through the death of his father. After he had achieved distinction at the bar and on the bench of his state, he undertook to find his sword. He communicated with the former owners of Stone Castle. Repeated efforts to get the sword failed. It was lost, and its recovery appeared to be impossible.

"Finally Judge **BENNETT** directed that the floor of the attic be taken up and a search be made of the space between the floor and the ceiling of the room below. A short time ago he received a letter from the present owner of Stone Castle, saying this had been done, and that his sword had been found, somewhat tarnished, but otherwise as it was on the day when those loyal women had hidden it so well. "Mr. Wilson **WHITMORE** who, with his mother, Mrs. John **WHITMORE**, now occupies Stone Castle, received information from Mrs. Alfred **JACKSON**, formerly of Weston, W.Va., but now of Washington that the sword had been hidden under the floor in the garret and Mr. **WHITMORE** had no difficulty in finding it. He had possession of the sword, awaiting Judge **BENNETT'S** orders."

Since the publication of the above, the sword has been restored to Judge **BENNETT** and he takes great pleasure in exhibiting it to friends who call at his home in Weston.

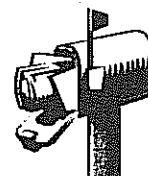
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Remember this one from Issue #4 -98? The phone number was wrong in Issue #4...this is the correct number.



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## THE BIG INDIAN AND THE LITTLE INDIAN



This story has been told, with many twists, in various publications include McWhorter's *Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia* and Withers' *Chronicles of Border Warfare*. This is the story as it appeared in the April 22, 1921 *Weston Democrat*.  
Editorial Staff

*The recent passing of William Carpenter at Sutton at the age of ninety-four years calls forth the following interesting sketch from the pen of Andrew Price, the talented editor of the Pocahontas Times. These thrilling stories of pioneer days have a peculiar fascination about them for all lovers of history.*

We never knew Mr. Carpenter personally, but we cannot remember the time when we did not know about the Big Indian and the Little Indian and the story of the massacre of the Carpenter family at the mouth of Holly and the revenge that Jesse Hughes took.

Jeremiah Carpenter, the grandfather of the late William Carpenter was the first settler of Braxton County. The ancestor of all the Carpenters in this part of the country came to this country and settled at the Big Bend of Jackson's River. Jeremiah, at the age of nine, was captured by the Shawnees in 1764 in the raid on Jackson's River of that year. The first Carpenter, whose name was William Carpenter, was commander of the stockade fort and was waylaid and killed by the Indians before the fort was reached. In this raid they took a number of prisoners, one being Jeremiah Carpenter, afterwards referred to as Dr. Carpenter, of Nicholas County, that county being formed in 1818, and Braxton not until 1836. Jeremiah remained with the Indians for nine years at the village called Oldtown, west of the Ohio River. It is probable that his knowledge of medicine came from the Indians. When he returned, the old settled country at the mouth of Jackson's river was too tame for him and he went into the wilderness of what is now central West Virginia and built a home on Elk river, about twelve miles above Sutton. This must have been shortly after the Revolutionary war. A brother by the name of Ben Carpenter, settled at the mouth of Holly, on Elk River below Jeremiah. A little later, Adam O'Brien settled on Elk River where the town of Sutton is located. The old-timers blame O'Brien with the Indian raids into this section saying that he did not conceal his trails but openly blazed trees to indicate paths. This coupled with the fact that in 1772, a village of Indians settled at Bulltown on the waters of the Little Kanawha in the neighborhood of Burnsville, in Braxton county, had been exterminated by the whites, must have made this region somewhat dangerous if it is true that Indians will be revenged.

In the fall of 1791, Adam O'Brien taking invoice of his farm to see if he had raised enough corn to winter on, decided that it was a case in which he did not dare to go into the winter, so he took his foot in his hand and traveled out to the settlements leaving all kinds of signs to toll the Indians into Elk river. This O'Brien must have been

an irresponsible sort of an Irishman for it is related that his reason for leaving the old part of Virginia was that it was against the law to kill a constable and his proud Irish spirit could not brook that.

In the spring of 1792, two Indians, the Big Indian and the Little Indian, followed O'Brien's blazes into the tomahawk clearing that he had made and stood where Sutton is today. There they saw chips of wood from the Carpenter settlement up the river floating in the water and they proceeded up the river with murder in their hearts.

A week or so before this Ben Carpenter had killed a large buck deer with a coat of red as if it was in summertime. It was in March and no one ever saw a deer before with a red coat that early in the year. The pioneer believed in signs and omens even more strongly than we, their descendants. Dr. Jeremiah read the sign. Ordinarily a deer's hide does not get red before June. He said that it meant that something awful would befall them. Ben said he would wear moccasins made out of that deer hide and put it to soak in the river.

The day that the two Indians reached the mouth of Holly, all the Carpenters, except Ben's wife, went across Elk river to rid up a bit of clearing and worked there all the day. Just before noon Ben said that he would go home and start the dinner and as he passed the place that the hide of the red buck lay in soak he took it out and worked on it. As he was so engaged the Little Indian who lay concealed behind a log, fired upon Ben and missed him. In the meantime, the Big Indian had entered the cabin and silently tomahawked Ben's wife. When Ben was fired upon, he ran to his cabin to get his gun, and as he opened the door, the Big Indian fired upon him and he fell dead.

Meanwhile in the field, Mrs. Jeremiah Carpenter had been alarmed by the sound of the first shot and was looking toward the cabin, and saw the flash of the gun that laid out Ben Carpenter. She had a small daughter with her and she placed that child in a large hollow stump and put a flat rock over the top of it and told the child to remain perfectly still. She then went to the cabin and when Dr. Jeremiah returned with her they found the cabin burned and plundered and his young brother and sister-in-law dead. The Indians were gone.

In the Clarksburg neighborhood, that on the West Fork, there lived at that time a man by the name of Jesse Hughes, who ranked as a scout and Indian fighter with Kenton and Boone. He was afflicted with that mania of killing Indians that some historians have regarded as a kind of insanity, resulting from the sight of the mutilated remains of victims of the Indians. In the same year, Hughes had a cow which had ranged with a bell and the cow disappeared. Hughes declared that it had been killed by the Indians. One day, at sundown the bell was heard in the woods. A neighbor called his attention to it and said, "*There is your cow.*" Hughes replied, "*My cow is dead, but I will make that bell ring in the morning.*" That night he painted his face and hands and he dressed like an Indian and took his position at the head of a little hollow where he had heard the bell ring the night before. Just at daybreak he heard the bell and looked and saw the Big Indian with a gun in position to shoot and the Little Indian with the bell around his neck on all fours making the bell ring as though it were a cow feeding.

Hughes shot the Big Indian and killed him, and the Little Indian ran. Hughes seized the gun of the Big Indian and pursued the Little Indian and killed him also. Then he saw that the gun the Big Indian had been carrying was the gun of his deceased friend, Ben Carpenter. This so enraged him that he took strips of hide from the backs of the Indians and tanned them into leather and made belts which he afterwards wore. Another incident of our desperate ancestors tanning the hides of Indians which we may not mention to the polite ears of the present generation.

The late William Carpenter's father's name was Saul Carpenter. On one occasion, Dr. Jeremiah Carpenter became alarmed over reports of Indians in his vicinity, and refuged up Elk river to Laurel creek and up this creek to Camp Run, wading in the water all the way. They entered a large cave and lived there until the danger was over and during that time Saul Carpenter was born in the cave. And while they were there an Indian actually entered the cave but failed to discover them.

It might be said that the late William Carpenter, whose funeral was largely attended at Sutton recently, is one of the last links that connect us today with pioneer times. He talked with persons actually engaged in the heroic work of winning the west. He was years old when Jesse Hughes died, and must have had almost first hand information of what the great Indian fighter had done. It is said of Jesse Hughes that when he became very old and childish that he imagined that the Indians were near and that he would take his gun and wander in the woods in search of them, and that he was found in the woods dead in his eightieth year, with his rifle in his hand in pursuit of imaginary foes.

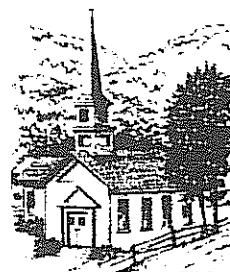
The red gods of the woods were very good to Squire Bill Carpenter and gave him ninety-four years of happiness and may the earth rest lightly on his bones.

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## The Buckhannon Run Church

After reading "*Methodist Churches*," in the last issue of the Journal (Vol. XVI, Iss. 4), HCPD member Howard REEDER volunteered the following additional information about the Buckhannon Run Church mentioned on page 152 of Issue #4. Readers are encouraged to provide additional information about the Buckhannon Run Church or any of the other churches mentioned in Issue #4 - 98 .

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Original records, which are in storage, show that the first class at Buckhannon Run was called "Hinzman Class" instead of Union Chapel. The present Buckhannon Run Church was built in 1879, replacing the earlier log structure. A Mr. STARCHER who was helping to build the church, died in the winter. They first buried him without a minister. In April or so, when the itinerant preacher came around, they held a service in the meadow that lies in back of the present church. Instead of it being the LOUDENSLAKER family as indicated in the Journal article, it appears it was the LOUDERBACK/LOWDERBACH family.

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